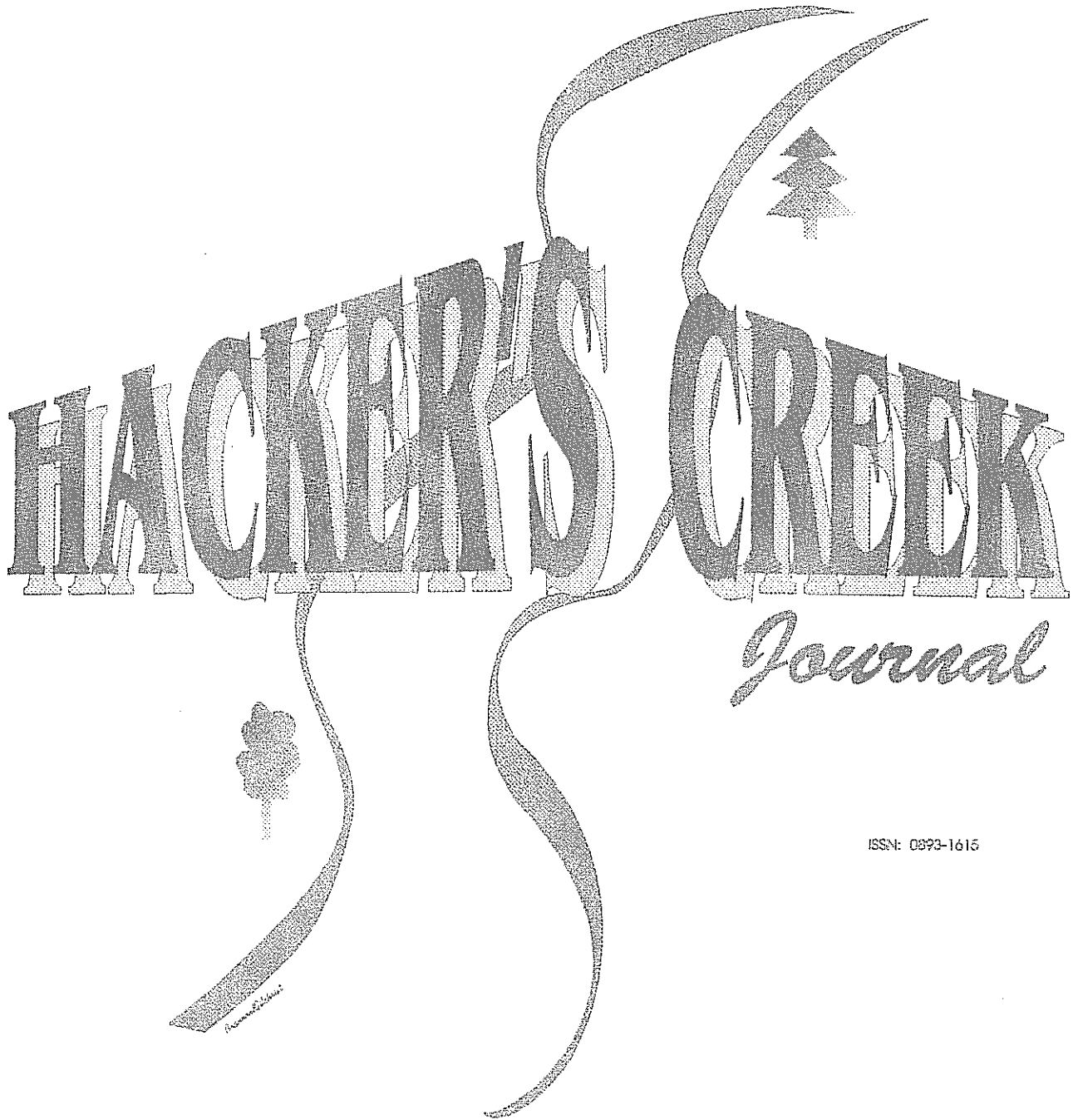


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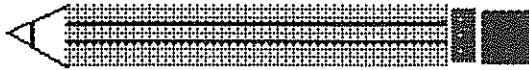
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jots from joy jots from joy



Spring is here! The daffodils are in full bloom, the forsythia too - and it's snowing! But that's life in wonderful West Virginia.

The comments about our new cover have ranged from "I don't like it, I miss the cabin" to "My Journal came on a dreary winter day. The new cover made me happy. It was like a breath of fresh spring air!" Consensus: ya' can't please everyone.

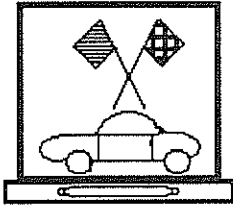
Sometimes those of us here in West Virginia tend to take things for granted. We forget that most of you may not know the things we take for granted each day. Consequently, as I worked on the information for the gathering and compiled this Journal, it dawned on me that there were those who did not know what Jackson's Mill was . . . or the Benedum Foundation . . . so, I made some phone calls, dug in the files for my Jackson's Mill stuff, and went to work. Presto! We have "Let Us Cross Over the River."

A special thanks goes to Nancy Jackson and Linda Meyers for their help and research on the article. Linda and Nancy will be publishing their history of the Colonel Edward Jackson family later this year. Watch for it!

It was a special "joy" to open my mail this morning and find the notice that Crystal Wagoner's John Waggoner (1751-1842) and Margaret (Bonnet) Waggoner: Ancestors, Families, and Descendants will be released in late May by Heritage Books. I know that it's been a work of love - and, sometimes, frustration. Congratulations, Cris! Ordering information will be found later in this issue.

The move into our new facility has developed the talents of some of our volunteers. We've learned that Otis Reed is a great assistant librarian; Betty Reed does wonders at finding "lost" boxes; and, our head photocopy operator, Mary Lee Smith, is becoming a computer whiz. Eva Newlon's decided to become a chef - you'll get to taste her concoctions at the lunch stand during the gathering; and, our executive director, Christina Rumbach, could take over Caty Kuric's job. I would make a poor traffic cop - directing twenty-three people moving boxes and furniture into a two-story building of eleven rooms was confusing; I'd hate to see what I would do in New York City. Looking forward to seeing many of you in May at the Families & Times of Conflict workshop and the HCPD Gathering in August - or one of the other genealogy events around West Virginia this spring, summer and fall.

Joy Gilchrist
Editor



A CHAT WITH CHARLIE

Greetings!

I would like to publicly thank Dick Taylor and Beecher Rhodes for their dedication to the remodeling projects at the new library. The library is great, lots of room, everything in place and operating beautifully, thanks to these two gentlemen and all the other volunteers who have given hundreds of hours of their time over the last three months. I know you will enjoy your facility the next time you come to visit.

Like all organizations with rapid growth, we have growing pains; but, we are slowly working them out. Our volunteer staff is increasing and they are working hard to help solve our problems. We have people stepping up to be assistant librarian and concession chairman (woman) for the gathering. Everyone is learning to operate the computers, copiers, and other office machines. Otis Reed has worked hard to get our card catalogue computerized so that a punch of a few single keys accesses the catalogue.

We are going to implement the interest from the endowment fund for the purpose for which it was intended - paying utilities and maintenance on the library. We will continue our drive to increase our life membership so we can keep our endowment fund growing.

I hope all of you can come visit us this summer, if not for the gathering August 10-13, then some other time.

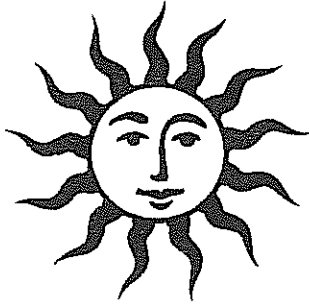
With my special thanks to all who helped move, I remain

Your president,

Charles H. Gilchrist

MEMBER JOHN F. GRIMES DIES

We were recently informed of the death of HCPD member John Grimes of North Wilkesboro, NC, by his son Steven J. Grimes. We extend our sympathies to his family and friends.



DIALOGUE WITH THE DIRECTOR

Hello again everyone!!! It barely seems possible that it is once again time for the Journal. Winter is in over and spring is finally here. Why outside the window the sun is shining, the birds are singing, the flowers are blooming; it is a beautiful day. I hope the weather has been as pleasurable for all of you.

I would like to say that it is great to be in the new library. The past few weeks have been very busy, but we are at last settled into the building (well all right, there are still a couple of boxes that have yet to find permanent homes in the building). After seeing everything here, it is hard to believe we had most of this crammed into that one room school.

A few of you worried about the library moving out of downtown Weston. I want to let you know that you may stop worrying. So far we have had several people visit and utilize our new facility. The Open House held on April 2 was quite successful, bringing over seventy-five people together to celebrate the new building and HCPD's continuous growth. The number of daily visitors has also increased and we hope that trend continues. The research environment is much improved with our added space. Now people can find a place to have discussions with long lost cousins, and the people who prefer a quiet place to research can all be accommodated.

Registration forms for the 13th Annual Gathering are beginning to arrive. I hope to receive more in the upcoming weeks; this year's event promises to be educational, entertaining and an overall good time. I hope to see you there! By sending your forms early, you can help everyone here plan for the most successful Gathering to date. So, please pre-register.

Throughout this Journal everyone has thanked the people who helped in some way with our move. I would like to close by saying thank you to every member. It does not matter where you live or what you do, you are the strength of this organization. Without the membership none of this would have been possible. One thing to remember, **THIS IS YOUR LIBRARY.**

Sincerely,

Christina Rumbach

I Can Get It For You Wholesale!

by Raydine Teicheira

The prospect of moving from our small one room library to a two-story building seemed so exciting to us early in the year, but when euphoria abated reality forced us to face the fact that we needed to make some definite plans.

We could call on our wonderful volunteer workers to build, sand, scrape, paint, install and generally get us ready for the move. Fueled by pots of chili, stews, soups, corn bread, casseroles, and cakes provided by some of us, they did a magnificent job!

Then - oh then, we looked at our lovely empty rooms and thought of our decrepit chairs, our three tables, our few file cabinets - and our spirits drooped. How would we ever manage to get ready for opening day with no housing for all of our material?

We checked our budget and agonized over prices but had made no decisions when past president Maurice Allman called from his home in Philippi. Here's a direct (more or less) quote from his opening remarks - " Hey, guys, I can get some stuff!"

Getting that "stuff" entailed scary trips by trucks over icy mountains and more travels by van and truck to various West Virginia cities. Maurice has always had a knack for working behind the scenes to find information, advice, and material help; but we had no idea of the magnitude of his gift. Maurice not only found the equipment we needed, but he managed to find offices that were closing their doors and were willing to contribute to a non-profit organization.

Thanks to our scavenger deluxe we have matching chairs, research tables, desks, files, safes, and many other items we so desperately needed.

Our volunteers have done so much and we hope that many of you will have an opportunity to visit us. The men did renovations; the women painted and cleaned; we all cooked and encouraged; but, thanks to charter member Maurice, we will be ready for researchers on April third with equipment for them to use and a comfortable place in which to work.

We love your style, Maurice - you can scavenge for us any time!

With love

from

The Executive Committee

LIBRARY DONATIONS

Look for a double list of library donations in next issue!

HOW WE DID IT!

The story of HCPD's move is the story of volunteers - lots of them. HCPD members, children, and grandchildren, convicts, friends - all pitched in to do whatever needed to be done.

January, February, and March scurried by as volunteers hustled to ready the new Central West Virginia Genealogy and History Library for the big move.

Dick Taylor, Beecher Rhodes, Charles Gilchrist, Billy Law, Bob Hardman, Bob Fultz, Bob Doyle, Ed "Bud" Allman, Otis Reed, Eva Newlon, Bob Newlon, Bernadette Law, Mary Lee Smith, Betty Rhodes, Jerry Light, Robin Smith Light, and Jeff Ryan Light, Cary Williams, Andy Williams, Andrew Rumbach, John Hyre, Jim Allman, Bill Frye, Erseline Rumbach, Christina Rumbach, Mo Taylor, Raydine Teicheira, Joe Teicheira, Maurice Allman, Bertha Allman, Patricia Villenave, Ashley Villenave, Sharon Villenave, Irma Curtis, Matha Byrd, Earl Byrd, Bob McWhorter, Sharon Riffle, Earl Balsley, Jo Balsley, Joy Gilchrist, and six convicts from the federal institution in Morgantown devoted hundreds of hours to scrubbing and painting, pounding and sawing, cooking (and eating), packing and sorting, loading and unloading, and finally unpacking and arranging the nineteen pickup truckloads and one rental van of "stuff" acquired by HCPD in the last thirteen years and/or acquired by it through the efforts of our resident scavenger, Maurice Allman.

Things didn't always go smoothly and sometimes tempers were short; but, it was mostly fun and always interesting. Conversation was lively. Discussions as we worked included: life as a mortician's son (Dick Taylor); the proper way to install the windows; what it was like on Iwo Jima (Beecher Rhodes); where the lights in the microfilm room should go; life in the Clarksburg suburb of Adamston in the 1940s and 50s (Eva and Bob Newlon and Joy Gilchrist); flowers for the library yard; West Virginia University's latest basketball game (Raydine Teicheira); are you ready to eat?; did George Washington father any children? (Christina Rumbach and Mo Taylor); the electrical outlets are all wired with #10 wire - above code; St. Peter at the pearly gates (Bud Allman); take this table where?; the best way to mess up a computer (Cary Williams); life as an Appalachian re-enactor (John Hyre and Jim Allman); a great spaghetti recipe (Irma Curtis); antiques (Billy Law and Charles Gilchrist).

On Friday, March 24, amidst the packed boxes and piled floor at the old library, Christina and six volunteers copied, addressed, and prepared the mailing of 700 copies of the gathering info, newsletter, etc. It had to go out!!!

Saturday morning dawned sunny. We started loading trucks about 9 am - and would you believe that we had it all moved by half-past noon? After a lunch of pizza and pop, some folks went home and others stuck around and helped make a path through the building. Irma, Matha, Earl, John, and Jim reshelved books. Sunday morning was a day of rest; then Monday we were back at it again.

In the final week, the cement floor in the microfilm and court record room was poured and the walls on the court record side were painted. (Four people with long-handled rollers and a 10-foot ladder make for crowded and laughable conditions in an 6x18 foot space.) Jeff Light earned points for his Boy Scout Eagle award by painting the second coat on the glassed-in back porch. Earl Balsley painted filing cabinets (Are you sure you want them this bright blue?). All but a few boxes were unpacked (and the ones that weren't turned out to be some of the most important). Dick Taylor and crew hung pictures, painted and restrung the flag pole, replaced outlets, removed a through the wall air-conditioner (I dare you to find where it was), and lots of other "nit pickie" stuff.

By Friday evening things were in tip-top shape - at least all that was planned to be done before the open house. Saturday was the executive meeting and we had a "pot luck" spaghetti luncheon. In the afternoon, Christina, Irma, Chuck, and Joy held a training session for the volunteer library staff. We all headed for home about 4 p.m..

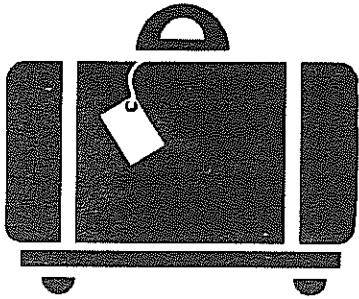
Sunday was a glorious day! Open house day!! To quote my great grandmother, Ellie Hacker Winemiller, the sky was "blue enough to make a Dutchman a pair of britches." The new green and cream sign, designed specifically for us by Frances Cogar and paid for with our latest grant from the Burr Sprigg Estate, announced that visitors were entering the "Gateway to the Past" at the Central West Virginia Genealogy and History Library. The jonquils in the raised bed in front of the building were nodding their pale yellow heads in the April breeze while the flag waved proudly on its newly-painted mast.

Among the first to walk through the door at the appointed hour of 2 o'clock were Larry and Joy Cottrill, dressed in their Sunday-best of the early 1800's. Joy wore her blue chemise, white apron, and mob cap. Larry was decked in his deerskin suit trimmed with beads, moccasins, a knife with a bear's jaw handle, and a bright red cap. Eighty-plus persons - old and young, from all walks of life, joined the Cottrills during the next two hours.

They toured the eleven rooms, enjoyed the wooded view from the back porch and peeked in the books. Some even found time for - you guessed it - research! They purchased Doodle Bug, Doodle Bug, Your House is on Fire by Mack Samples and had him autograph it!

The yellow and white lace-covered tea tables in the conference room were decked with a white basket of purple irises and yellow carnations presented to HCPD by our neighbors down the road, Jackson's Mill Florist. Bertha Allman presided over the punch bowl while Betty Rhodes offered repast from trays laden with cookies and finger foods.

When the last guest left, it was back to reality - time to change clothes and haul that huge pile of trash we had secreted behind the building to the road for early Monday morning pickup by the refuse company.



**Come one! Come All!
to the**

HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS GATHERING

HCPD'S THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GATHERING will be held **Thursday, August 10 - Sunday, August 13**. Activities are scheduled for two locations - at our **NEW** library adjacent Jackson's Mill 4-H Conference Center and in several buildings on the campus of Jackson's Mill.

All meetings, workshops, and evening meals and programs will be at Jackson's Mill. Research will be at our library - inside and outdoors under a very large tent.

We realize that there may be some inconveniences - but we believe that everything will work.

The registration fee for each adults for all three days is \$12.00 if registration is postmarked before July 15. Registration postmarked after July 15 is \$15.00. Registration paid at the door is \$18.00. Unmarried children eighteen and under are admitted free but must be included on the registration form.

Registration for an adult for a single day is \$7.00 if registration is postmarked before July 15. Registration postmarked after July 15 is \$8.00 for a single day. Registration paid at the door is \$9.00 for a single day. Again, unmarried children eighteen and under are admitted free but must be included on the registration form. Registration form is at end of this Journal.

No registration is required for the Sunday service.



CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE - HCPD is a unique organization. What we do is about family, for family. Our gatherings are for research, fellowship, reunion, and getting acquainted. Our children are our family and they are our promise of tomorrow. Last year we introduced a program for the children and grandchildren of our members. We continue the program this year - with some modifications.

The children will be the parents'/grandparents' responsibility during mealtimes and at times when no children's activities are scheduled.

A core of parents have volunteered to work with the children on Friday in activities that will help them learn more about their heritage. These activities will include a trip to French Creek Game Farm. The trip will be via rented school bus. Each child will be required to pay his/her own way (\$1.00 for children 3-15, \$2.00 for adults and children over 15, entrance to the park, \$2/child bus fare). Parental consent forms must accompany each child on the bus.

There will be no children's activities before 4 pm on Thursday or all day on Saturday. However, swimming is available at the Jackson's Mill pool on Saturday afternoon; fee for swimming will be paid at poolside.



COUNCIL CIRCLE - "The Dreamcatcher" Come enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship, song and storytelling around the council fire under the stars at Jackson's Mill. The audience will be divided in tribes - Cherokee, Delaware, Seneca, and Mingo - during the picnic and will participate in the evening's program as a member of that tribe. You are asked to sit under the totem pole of your tribe on arrival at the council circle that has been used by 4-Hers at Jackson's Mill for generations.

John Randolph of The Hill Lorists: West Virginia Storytellers and a member of HCPD, will portray "Big Foot," chief of all the tribes. John's great uncle, D. Boone Queen, was the person responsible for the Indian lore used in the 4-H program. A member of the 4-H All-Stars will share some 4-H history and be the evening's songleader. Pre-selected persons will be chiefs and sagamores of the various tribes. Skits, stunts and challenges will be preformed by some of our members.

Slacks, a jacket, and flat walking shoes/sneakers are the suggested attire. Parking available at the cattle barn. Those who are unable to walk the wooded path will be taken via golf cart from the cattle barn. Ground level seating will be provided for those who are unable to climb the bleachers. In case of inclement weather, the program will be in the West Virginia Building.



LIVING HISTORY DEMONSTRATIONS will be given in the Historic Area at Jackson's Mill during the Gathering by several HCPD members. Demonstrators will include Joy and Lawrence Cottrill, Jim Allman, John Hyre, and Gabby and Jan Brooks. Handcrafted items and period clothing will be available for purchase from the demonstrators.

Historic Jackson's Mill, the five-acre site of the boyhood home of "Stonewall" Jackson will be open. Attractions include the McWhorter Cabin, the old Jackson's Mill museum, Blaker's Mill where a grist grinding demonstration will be given at 3:00 pm, Mary Conrad Cabin, the Mountain State Building which was built under the leadership of HCPD, and the gift shop, The General's Store. Registered participants at the HCPD Gathering will be admitted free to the historic area.



SALES TABLES - There will be a sales table of all HCPD puns, t-shirts, and pins. Individual vendors who wish to display their puns, etc., may do so - but those tables must be set up out-of-doors under the tent. HCPD does not charge for table set-up at this event; but, it sure would be nice if you would donate an item or two for the silent auction.



SILENT AUCTION - In the past, we have had 50-50 drawings and raffles to raise a little extra \$. This year there will be a silent auction. Items will be displayed throughout the weekend. Place your bid in the container attached to each item. Items will be awarded to highest bidder during Saturday evening's program.



FRIDAY'S CLASSES will address a variety of topics. All classes will be held on the campus of our next-door-neighbor, Jackson's Mill State 4-H Conference Center. If you're hearty, you may walk; otherwise, you must provide your own transportation or arrange a ride with other participants to the Mill.

In **Genealogy, Your Computer, and You**, a session limited to 30 persons, Joy Gilchrist, HCPD editor and co-founder, will present hands-on training in using computers for genealogy. The 2 1/2 hour session will be held in the Jackson's Mill Computer Lab in the EEC Building. Genealogy programs, genealogy bulletin boards, Internet and genealogy "stuff" management will be discussed. While it is not necessary, it will be helpful if you at least know how to "click" the mouse in this class geared to all levels

of genealogy. You must pre-register for this limited access class; class will be filled by the first thirty persons who register for the class.

Want to know what's available from published and unpublished sources at the state archives and how to access materials once you get there? Fredrick Armstrong, director of Archives and History, Charleston, will explore **What's Available at the West Virginia State Archives** and answer your questions in this session scheduled for the West Virginia Building. Come prepared with your questions. Pre-registration helpful but not required.

Lewis County High School librarian Martha Mae Wanless Danzig will share the stories and contents of her **West Virginia Heritage Trunk** with adults and children in the Mountain State Building. Martha Mae regularly shares her colorful wit, West Virginia stories, and family heirlooms with school children and adults throughout the state. We hope you will enjoy her presentation as much as we enjoy bringing her to you. P.S. Martha Mae's mother was a McNemar.

HCPD member, vice president of KYOWVA Genealogical Society in Huntington, Cabell Co, WV, and professional genealogist Shari Petti will present problem-solving ideas for the beginner as well as the advanced genealogists in her presentation of **Stone Fences and Brick Walls**.



NARRATED HISTORIC HACKER'S CREEK TOUR via rented school bus will visit sites where the earliest settlers of Central West Virginia built their homes, raised their families, tilled the soil, fought Indians, went to church, died and were buried. We'll visit Pringle Tree, the John Hacker homestead, Fairview Church, Broad Run Church, Lightburn, and many points in between. Cool drinks and restroom stop provided. Fare of \$5/person will be collected on boarding. Joy Gilchrist, narrator. Cool clothing and walking shoes suggested attire.

NARRATED WESTON TOUR - A rented school bus will take participants to Weston where a Lewis County historian will guide a walking tour of historic Weston. Cool clothing and walking shoes are suggested. Fare of \$2/person will be collected on boarding.



THE PIONEERS is the theme for Friday evening's festivities. Old-timers at the HCPD Gatherings will remember that this is one of our favorite evenings - a "family" evening when we introduce ourselves and "find" others of our "family" through the roll-call of states and family surnames. Pioneer costume optional. Prizes will be awarded for the eldest person in costume, the youngest person in costume, the person who fit costume and traveled the farthest to the gathering, and the family with the most members in costume.

Master of Ceremonies: Hartzel Strader, Vice President
 Welcome - Charles Gilchrist, President
 Presentation of Colors: The Children
 "America": Joyce Chambers
 Invocation: Maurice Allman
 In Memory Of Our Departed Members: Arch Bennett
 Mountain State Cloggers
 Roll Call of States and Families: Dena Crider
 "Indians, Pioneers, and the Civil War": Jack Boone
 "West Virginia Hills": Joyce Chambers



LOOKING AHEAD: A LIBRARY DEDICATION - A ceremony of celebration and dedication of the new HCPD Library. Member Bob McWhorter of Morgantown is chairing the event. More details later.



MUSIC, MEMORIES, AND DREAMS - Our Saturday night banquet will be an evening of song and reminiscence. Melvin Wine, West Virginia's many times National Champion Fiddle Player, and Friends entertain with some real "down home" toe-tappin' music. Joy Gilchrist, author, historian, HCPD co-founder and a member of West Virginia Archives and History Commission, will take us down memory lane to special places in HCPD's thirteen year history. This is a more formal occasion - Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes appropriate.



CHURCH ON SUNDAY - Some of our best Sunday services have been those that we hold for ourselves. This year we will gather in His name in the Chapel at Jackson's Mill. A freewill offering will be taken for a charity to be announced at the time.



FOOD

THE FOOD SITUATION - You are on your own for breakfast and a lunch stand will be provided at the library (see schedule for serving hours). Coffee, pop, sweet rolls, and doughnuts will be available throughout the day gratis; those who wish may bring homemade goodies for this table.

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENING MEALS. NO MEAL TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT JACKSON'S MILL. ALL MEAL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED PRIOR TO AUGUST 5. MEAL TICKETS ARE TO BE PICKED UP AT THE LIBRARY AT THE TIME OF YOUR CHECK-IN. IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY CONSIDERATIONS, PLEASE LET US KNOW AT THE TIME YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS SO THAT WE CAN TAKE CARE OF YOUR PARTICULAR NEED.

Thursday night picnic: Adults - \$7.00 Children under 12 - \$5.00

This meal will be the usual picnic fare - hamburgs & hotdogs and all the fixin's, potato salad, country cole slaw, baked beans, and dessert. Drinks will include coffee, iced tea, and lemonade.

Friday night dinner: Adults - \$8.50 Children under 12 - \$6.00

This meal will be served family style. The menu will feature a salad bar, baked ham, scalloped potatoes, and desert bar. A variety of refreshing drinks will be available.

Saturday night banquet: Adults - \$10.00 Children under 12 - \$7.00

A fruit cup and tossed salad will begin the evening's repast of melt-in-your mouth chicken cordon bleu, baked potato w/sour cream & chives, green peas, and homemade rolls, all topped off by strawberry shortcake, coffee and iced tea.

1995 GATHERING SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 12, 1995:

- 10:00 am - 6 pm - Library open for research
- 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m. - Registration at HCPD Library, Jackson's Mill Road. You must register in order to pick up your meal tickets for this evening's supper. There will be NO registration at Jackson's Mill.
- 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Children's skit rehearsal at Mountain State Building - Jackson's Mill.
- 6:30 pm - Picnic supper in the Picnic Pavilion, Jackson's Mill. Advanced registration necessary.
- 8:00 pm - ??? - Council fire and program at Council Circle, Jackson's Mill.

Friday, August 13, 1995:

- 8:30 am - 5:15 pm - Registration, research, fellowship at HCPD Library. Library will be closed during the evening hours.
- 9:00 am - 10:15 am - Children will meet in the Mountain State Building for crafts.
- 9:15 am - 10:30 am - **Research at the West Virginia State Archives** - Fredrick Armstrong, Director, Archives and History
- 9:15 am - 11:45 am - **Genealogy, Your Computer and You**. Pre-registration for this class is a must. Limited to thirty participants. EEC Building. Instructor: Joy Gilchrist
- 10:45 am - 11:45 am - **West Virginia Heritage Trunk** by Martha Mae Danzig. Children will join the adults for this entertaining presentation in the Mountain State Building.
- 10:45 am - 11:45 am - **Stone Fences and Brick Walls: Solving Your Genealogy Problems** by Shari Pettit, professional genealogist, HCPD member, and v.p., KYOWVA Genealogical Society.
- 11:30 am - 1:30 pm - Lunch stand open.
- 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm - **Guided Tour**. Will depart from HCPD Library.
- 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Children will travel by rented school bus to French Creek Game Farm in neighboring Upshur County.
- 5:15 pm - **Dinner in the Mount Vernon Dining Hall**. Advanced reservations necessary. You must register in order to pick up your meal tickets for this evening's supper. There will be NO registration at Jackson's Mill. After supper, take time for a stroll through the historic area, the All-Star Rose Gardens, or sit on the porch at Mountain State and feed the fish. Or come on up the the West Virginia Building and visit.
- 6:45 pm - **"The Pioneers"** - West Virginia Building. Jack Boone, superintendent at Bulltown, Braxton County, will speak on "Indians, Pioneers, and the Civil War."

Saturday, August 12, 1994:

- 8:30 am - 5:30 pm Registration, research, fellowship at HCPD Library. Library will be closed 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm for dedication.
- 10:00 am - 11:30 am - Business meeting - West Virginia Building
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm - Lunch stand open.
- 1:15 pm - 2:30 pm **"Looking Ahead: A Library Dedication"**
Program plans to be announced. Robert B. McWhorter, Chairman
- 6:30 pm - **"Music, Memories and Dream"** - Banquet - Mt. Vernon Dining Hall
Melvin Wine, West Virginia fiddler and many times National Fiddle Champion; Joy Gilchrist, HCPD co-founder, will be the keynote speaker.

Sunday, August 13, 1994:

- 10:30 am - Non-denominational services - Chapel at Jackson's Mill
"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

FOREST LAWN RECORDS PUBLISHED

We would like to thank the management of Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens and Mary Walker in particular for their assistance in preserving and publishing their records for public use. They graciously permitted Mary Lee Smith, Mabel Tenney, and Evelyn Paugh to hand copy their card files.

After the records were copied, Mary Lee verified and added data from tombstones. The records were then typed, indexed, and proofread by Matha and Earl Byrd.

The records are available as Volume IX of our cemetery record series and may be purchased by using the order form elsewhere in this issue. The price is \$10. West Virginia residents must pay 6% sales tax.

Volume VIII of the series, Machpelah Cemetery, has been completed and will be published in the near future.

PRESTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Preston County Historical Society is publishing a new newsletter, Now . . . And Long Ago - queries and all. Dues in the society are \$5 per year.

The society's spring meeting was in April. Join now and learn about their fall meeting in time to attend.

The society recently acquired custodianship of the Bucklew Museum Collection and it has been moved to the History House in Terra Alta.

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MINING YOUR HISTORY CONFERENCE SLATED FOR OCTOBER

West Virginia's second annual family and local history conference, Mining Your History: A West Virginia Homecoming, is scheduled for October 13-14 at The Cultural Center in Charleston. Several of our members will be among the conference presenters. They are Bill Marsh of Louisiana, Connie and Keith Street of Iowa, Hartzel Strader of Ohio, and Shari Pettit of Huntington, West Virginia. Charlie and Joy Gilchrist are on the planning committee.

WAGGONER - BONNETT HISTORY TO BE RELEASED IN JULY

Crystal Wagoner spent seventeen years researching and compiling the extensive information in John Waggoner (1751-1842) and Margaret (Bonnet) Waggoner: Ancestors, Families, and Descendants. In her search for the Waggoner family line, she became convinced that the best method was to research the histories of two other families with which the Waggoners intermarried and moved west. By combining these three family histories and providing vital records from many sources, she has created a valuable resource for others interested in researching their own family connections.

This history of the Waggoner Family begins at the port of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, when the three families made their separate arrivals. Hans Martin Wetzel (born ca. 1700 in Germany), his wife and three children arrived in 1731; Jacque (Jacob) Bonnet (born ca. 1701), his wife and four children arrived in 1733. These two families met in Chester Co., Pennsylvania, and moved to Maryland together. Several of their children married and moved to Virginia. Wilhelm Waggoner (born ca. 1706 in Germany), his wife and two known children immigrated in 1748, and after several years in Montgomery Co., Pennsylvania, moved to Virginia, where the three families came to know each other. It was also here that Wilhelm was killed and two of his children were captured by Indians on the South Branch about 1763. Eventually the intermarriages of the three families would begin, and by 1769 members of the next generation were moving west together.

John Waggoner, son of Wilhelm, was born in 1751 in Pennsylvania; he married Margaret Bonnet in 1778 in Virginia. After Margaret's death in an Indian massacre on Jesse's Run of Hacker's Creek, John married his second wife, Susannah Richards in 1799. Nineteen children were born of these two marriages. Nearly 300 descendants are traced in this major new work; one line covers 8 generations.

Some allied families with three generations or more are Alkire, Allman, Boram, Boyle, Burnham, Bush, Butcher, Clark, Cottrill, Cumberledge, Dobson, Dunkel, Hacker, Hardman, Hersman, Heinzman, Lantz, Jones, Kelly, Marsh, Morrison, Oliver, Pohlman, Post, Pringle, Rinehart, Scott, Selbitz, Stalnaker, Straley, Solomon, Starcher, Swisher, Watson, Westfall, Wetzel. 343 PP., ILLUS., INDEX, PAPER BOUND, \$25.00.

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LET US CROSS OVER THE RIVER. . . JACKSON'S MILL

by Joy Gregoire Gilchrist, Linda Brake Meyers,
and Nancy Jackson

Crossing the Transmontane

In the fall of 1768 Samuel Pringle led a party of homeseekers and adventurers across the Allegheny Mountains to establish a foothold along the banks of the Buckhannon River. Liking what they saw, they determined to return the following year and cultivate enough corn to serve their families the first year after emigration; and "having examined the country, for the purpose of selecting the most desirable situations, some of them proceeded to improve the spots of their choice."¹ John Jackson had brought his sons, Edward and George, with him; they selected a site at the mouth of Turkey Run. John Hacker chose his land further up the Buckhannon River, and Alexander and Thomas Sleeth were near to the Jacksons. Others of the party (William Hacker, Thomas and Jesse Hughes, John and William Radcliff and John Brown) employed their time in hunting and seemingly did not make land selections at this time.²

But our story here is not about the entire party; rather it is about Edward Jackson and his legacy - a future that would see the name of Jackson memorialized even to the present day and the far beyond.

Edward was but ten years old when he made his trek to the transmontane. He grew to manhood along the Buckhannon River and acquired his first property at age seventeen. He married Mary Haddan (1764 - 1796) by whom he had six children - George Edward, David Edward, Jonathan, Rachel, Mary, and Rebecca. In 1799, he married Elizabeth Weatherholt Brake and fathered nine more children: Catherine, Cummins, James Madison, Elizabeth, John E., Margaret, Return Meigs, Edward J., and Andrew.³

In 1786, Edward was granted the "liberty to build a mill or mills on land seeded to him by George Bush at Peatroes Fish Pot on the West Fork and that the sheriff summons a jury to condemn as much land at said Fishpot as is allowed by law for building mills and make report thereof to next court."⁴ While this document should place Edward Jackson with a mill construction on land he got from George Adam Bush, the deed has not yet been found; however, it is quite certain that George Adam Bush's residence in the late 1700s was at the

¹Withers, Alexander Scott, *Chronicles of Border Warfare* (Cincinnati, The Robert Clarke Co, 1895) reprinted by McClain Printing Co, 1980, p. 121.

²Ibid.

³Research of Linda Brake Meyers and Nancy Jackson.

⁴Harrison County Court Minutes, pg. 203, 3rd Tues December 1786.

mouth of Freeman's Creek.⁵ From this it appears that Edward Jackson owned the land at the present Jackson's Mill by 1786.

However, it is unlikely that Edward lived on the West Fork River property until much later. On 28 May 1787 he was commissioned captain of the militia in Randolph County.⁶ In 1790 he was promoted to colonel of the Randolph County militia.⁷

Mary Haddan Jackson died 17 April 1796 and researchers believe that they were still living in the Buckhannon area near the spring on Spring Street.

Construction of Jackson's Mill

The late Roy Bird Cook, a Lewis County native and noted West Virginia historian, found a record in the Virginia Assembly dated 20 June 1800 that declared the Monongahela River navigable as far as Edward Jackson's Mill; yet research completed sometime in the last fifty years and published as fact by Jackson's Mill 4-H Conference Center in various tour guides indicates that Colonel Edward Jackson built a log grist mill on the east bank of the West Fork on the outside bend in the river in 1801. It, therefore, is a fact that the first Edward Jackson mill was built between 1786 and 1800. It is unknown if this 1801 mill is the mill referred to in the Harrison County Court minutes recited above or if this is a second mill. It is a certainty that additional research must be done to determine the events of Colonel Ed Jackson's mills in the fifteen years between 1786 and 1801.

Regardless of the exact date of construction, Colonel Edward Jackson operated his business successfully. He added a saw mill, a carpenter shop and a blacksmith shop, and a store. Jackson's Mill was the first post office (1809) in what is now Lewis County.⁸ He built the family home, a log structure, on or very near the present site of the McWhorter Cabin on the west side of the river. When he died in 1828, he was buried in the Jackson Family Cemetery along present day Jackson's Mill Road. His eldest son by his second marriage, Cummins, took possession of the best part of his father's legacy.⁹

"Cummins had learned the milling trade well. Recognizing that the West Fork's powerful current threatened to destroy his inheritance, he rebuilt the mill

⁵Telephone conversation with David Armstrong, 2 April 1995.

⁶Randolph County Minute Book 1787-1799, p. 5. It should be remembered that the part of Upshur County where Edward Jackson lived was then a part of Randolph County.

⁷Roy Bird Cook Collection, West Virginia and Regional History Collection, West Virginia University, Volume 22-8, p. 252.

⁸Gilchrist, Joy L. and Charles H. Gilchrist, A Pictorial History of Old Lewis County: The Crossroads of Central West Virginia (Virginia Beach, Donning Co, 1993), p. 21.

⁹Jackson's Mill 4-H Conference Center, Jackson's Mill Historic Area.

on the river's west bank, the inside of the bend. Unfortunately, the new mill burned within a few years. Undaunted, Cummins rebuilt on the same site in 1841.¹⁰

"When Cummins relocated the mill across the river, he retained only the machinery and foundation timbers from Edward's mill. The new mill was constructed of a combination of hand-hewn timbers and boards produced at the sawmill. Cummins' second mill had a foundation of native stone."¹¹ The 2 1/2-story building still stands today and gives its name to the Jackson's Mill 4-H Conference Center. Power for the forty-foot square building was provided by two horizontal water wheels situated beneath the first floor of the mill.

The sawmill shed, located thirty feet upstream from the gristmill, was a long one-story structure with a sloping roof.¹² It was into the mills on the west bank that Cummins took a junior partner, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, his nephew.

Jonathan and Julia (Beckwith) Jackson

In 1812, Jonathan Jackson, the colonel's third son by his first marriage, read the law in Clarksburg and was admitted to the Harrison County bar.¹³ For a time he was the Federal Collector of Internal Revenue for the district of Western Virginia; then, his cousin and Federal Judge John George Jackson "moved to have him replaced . . . because he had not settled his accounts."¹⁴ He resigned his position and hung out his shingle.

In 1817 he married Julia Beckwith Neale of Parkersburg. They had a daughter, Elizabeth, and two sons, Warren and Thomas; and, Julia was well-advanced in pregnancy for a fourth child when tragedy struck in the family's little home on lot #5 on the hill above Elk Creek.¹⁵ Typhoid fever was rampant in Clarksburg in early 1826 and little Elizabeth Jackson came down with it. Though nursed with loving kindness by her distraught father, she died. Just days later, he too contracted the disease and died on March 26. The two deaths so close together seemed to precipitate the birth of Julia's expected child. Laura Ann was born the next day.¹⁶

¹⁰Ibid.

¹¹Ibid.

¹²Ibid.

¹³Meyers & Jackson, op. cit.; Harrison County Chancery Order Bk 1:3, 19 May 1812.

¹⁴Ibid.

¹⁵Now the location of Murphy's Dimestore, Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

¹⁶Frank E. Vandiver, Mighty Stonewall (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1957), pp. 3.

Now facing financial ruin from Jonathan's unwise dealings, Julia sold her home and a lot across the street.¹⁷ She took in sewing and moved her little family to a little house at the corner of present-day Fourth and Main. Realizing the need for a school in education-starved Clarksburg, Julia became the local schoolmarm. She apparently did well for she saved enough to buy a little cottage. Whether she ever moved her family into it is not known, but she left the cottage and two lots in trust to daughter Laura shortly before her second marriage.¹⁸

There was a scarcity of women, especially young pretty ones, in the western Virginia interior in those days; and young widows, particularly comely ones, did not remain single long. Soon Julia was being courted by a short-on-cash Clarksburg attorney¹⁹ who was twenty years her senior. Blake B. Woodson was a widower and the father of eight children. They were married in early November 1830. Mr. Woodson was offered a job as clerk of the Superior Court of the new county of Fayette.²⁰ He accepted the position and moved his wife, Tom, and Laura to the community now called Anstead. Young Warren Jackson was packed off to his uncle and aunt, Isaac and Polly Brake, on Turkey Run; "he lived at the Brake home until he was old enough to be on his own."²¹

Tom Jackson's Childhood

It appears that Thomas and Laura went with their mother for a very short time. According to a letter written by Thomas J. Arnold to Roy Bird Cook, dated December 17, 1930, Julia wrote to Elizabeth Cummins Jackson asking her to send for the children. John Jackson, the children's half-uncle, came for them.²²

Julia gave birth to another child, Wirt Woodson, on October 7. Later, "realizing she could not live she asked that the children be sent back to her. The grandmother had Uncle Robinson, an old Negro slave, take them on horseback to see their mother."²³ They arrived in time to receive their mother's blessings before she died in December 3, 1831²⁴, just thirteen months after her second marriage. The image of his loving, dying mother imbedded itself in six-year-old Tom's mind. He carried it with him to his death.²⁵

¹⁷Now on Trader's Alley, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

¹⁸Vandiver, *ibid.*, pp. 3-4.

¹⁹*op. cit.*

²⁰Meyers & Jackson, *ibid.*

²¹*ibid.*

²²*ibid.*

²³Arnold Letter; Meyers & Jackson

²⁴This date was determined from a letter written by Blake B. Woodson to his son William and quoted by Meyers and Jackson.

²⁵Meyers & Jackson, *ibid.*

The children remained in Ansted until 1833 when Mr. Woodson died. Thomas Neale, Julia's father explained what happened next in a letter to Lewis Maxwell of Lewis County.²⁶ He said, "After her death, Mr. Woodson still wished to keep the children--as soon as Mr. Woodson died his son, W. C. Woodson wrote to me to come after the children or they would be bound out."²⁷ Mr. Neale sent for the children; but, by the time his messenger arrived for the children, they had already gone to live with their uncle, Cummins Jackson.

At Jackson's Mill, Tom and Laura were lovingly cared for by their maiden aunt Margaret "Peggy" Jackson and their doting grandmother. They were also surrounded by uncles - Cummins, Edward, and Andrew. It is generally agreed Cummins Jackson was a scalawag in business matters; but, Thomas Neale, the children's grandfather, and later historians disagree about his ability to care for the children. Mr. Neale said, ". . . he (Cummins) would be the last man in the world if she was living to have her children for she spoke of him in the most contemptible terms--he had treated her ill before about her children and I am informed they are a ruff routy set."²⁸ Frank E. Vandiver, author of Mighty Stonewall, calls him a "beneficent uncle" and says their early days at the Mill "were some of the happiest days of their lives."²⁹

Elizabeth Brake Jackson died in August 1835. She, too, was interred in the Jackson graveyard. Polly Jackson had married and was living away from the family homestead. The uncles, all bachelors, were not equipped to care for two children.

After much discussion, it was decided that Laura would live at Bellsville near Parkersburg with Aunt Rebecca Jackson White. Young Tom was sent to live with some of the Brake relatives near Clarksburg. He was there little more than a year when he and Uncle Brake had a falling out. He walked into town to the palatial East Main Street residence of Mary Meigs Jackson, the widow of Federal Judge John George Jackson.³⁰ He stepped onto the massive columned portico and knocked on the door. When she came to the door, he said, "Aunt, Uncle Brake and I don't agree. I have quit him and will never go back any more." He never did. Instead, he turned his face south and walked the eighteen miles to his Uncle Cummins and Jackson's Mill.³¹

²⁶ibid.

²⁷Letter written by Thomas Neale from Parkersburg, June 6, 1833, to Lewis Maxwell of Lewis County; Meyers & Jackson.

²⁸Meyers & Jackson.

²⁹Vandiver, *ibid.*, pp. 4-5.

³⁰Nancy Jackson research.

³¹Anna Jackson Preston, Stonewall Jackson, Sketch of the Life of Stonewall Jackson Written by Mrs. Anna Jackson Preston and Presented to the Senate on May 10, 1928, by Hon. Cole L. Blease Senator from South Carolina (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1929), 70th Congress, 2d Session, Doc. No. 173.

Back at the mill, young Tom thrived. He was surrounded by family and friends; and, several cousins near his age, including Jim, Granville, Mary Jane, and Margaret Brake, lived just over the hill on Sycamore Lick.³² He attended a subscription school taught by Robert P. Ray and, at times, traveled over the hills to McCann's Run where another school was held. He fished in the West Fork and sold his catch to a Weston gunsmith, Conrad Kester. He helped with the farm chores and worked in the old mill. He learned fast and worked hard and Cummins Jackson soon made him a junior partner in the mill.

One day in the fall of 1836, Warren Jackson appeared at the mill for a visit. Though only sixteen, to his younger brother he appeared a man of the world. He had educated himself sufficiently to become a subscription schoolteacher in Upshur County. He proposed that Tom go with him to see their sister who was then living with their uncle, Alfred Neale, on James Island in the Ohio River near Parkersburg. Tom was eager to see Laura and quickly agreed. It was a joyous reunion for the Jackson trio.³³

During their visit the Jackson boys learned that people were making money supplying wood to passing steamboats. Determined to earn their fortunes, the brothers set off for the river islands to cut wood. "They floated down the Mississippi to Kentucky where they found refuge in a dirty cabin on a small island in the southeast corner of Kentucky. After several months of miserable living conditions, the two became ill with malaria fever."³⁴ They returned to Parkersburg in February 1837 with nothing to show for their adventures but two new trunks. These they gave to Laura and their half-brother Wirt before heading for home on foot.³⁵ What happened to the young Jacksons on their trip? No one knows. They refused to talk about it.

A few months after his return, an older and wiser Tom Jackson became fascinated with those who were surveying and building the Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike and hired himself on to the surveying crew. That summer he learned something of engineering problems and road building.³⁶ There is no record of where he worked that summer and perhaps that isn't important; but later, one of his first cousins, George R. Jackson,³⁷ became the tollgate keeper at the three-mill marker east of Weston. Then he returned to his schooling and work at Jackson's Mill.³⁸

³²Linda Meyers

³³Jackson & Meyers

³⁴ibid.

³⁵Vandiver, *ibid.*, p. 9.

³⁶ibid., pp. 9-10

³⁷Jackson & Meyers

³⁸Vandiver, *ibid.*, p. 10.

Friendship with Joe Lightburn

Tom formed a friendship with Joe Lightburn, a Pennsylvania boy whose father operated a mill on down the river. Though they would travel divergent paths after 1861, their lives were remarkably similar. One wonders, had "Stonewall" survived the war, which would have made the greater impact on humanity. Instead, Tom became larger than life and Joe became a leader of the Giver of Life, Jesus Christ.

Neither of the boys was born in Lewis County where they met; but it appears that they came to the county about the same time. Joe's father was a miller as was Tom's uncle. Both were eager for an education and tradition says they attended the same school. About the same time, both became interested in Christianity and their beliefs would sustain each of them through all the days of their lives. They attended the same church - Broad Run Baptist Church near Joe's home. They shared books and military heroes.³⁹ Tom would loan his Bible and Joe his prized biography of the Swamp Fox, Parson Weem's Life of Francis Marion.⁴⁰ Both tried for West Point; Tom made it, Joe did not.

West Point Appointment and the Mexican War

In 1842 when an examination was held for a West Point appointment, the two took the examination at the Bailey House in Weston in competition with Gibson J. Butcher and Johnson N. Camden. Butcher received the appointment, but military life did not appeal to him and he returned home. Tom, armed with letters from local citizens, went to see Samuel L. Hays, the congressman responsible for the appointment. His persistence paid off; he graduated from West Point in 1846 and served as a lieutenant of artillery in the Mexican War.⁴¹

Joe, not to be deterred from a military career, enlisted in the army the year that Second Lieutenant Jackson graduated from West Point. He served five years, including two as a noncombatant in the Mexican War. In 1851, both returned to civilian life - Thomas Andrew Jackson turned to teaching and Joseph Andrew Jackson Lightburn turned to preaching.

Jackson taught at Virginia Military Institute from 1851 to 1861. Lightburn was a farmer and miller until 1859 when he was licensed to preach. He ministered to the people of central western Virginia until 1861. Then both went off to fight in the War Between the States - Lightburn for the North, Jackson for the South.

³⁹Gilchrist, *ibid.*, pp. 40-41

⁴⁰Vandiver, *ibid.*, p. 10.

⁴¹Gilchrist, *ibid.*, pp. 40-41.

War Between the States

"Stonewall" Jackson earned his nickname during the Second Battle of Bull Run. He was mortally wounded by his own men at Chancellorsville on 2 May 1863 and died eight days later. His dying words, "Let us cross over the river and rest in the shade of the trees" are thought to have been a reference to the days of his youth at Jackson's Mill. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson is buried at Lexington, Virginia.

General Joe Lightburn returned to Lewis County. He resumed his preaching in the Baptist Church and was a prominent figure throughout West Virginia until his death in 1901. He is buried at Broad Run Cemetery in Lewis County.

Cummins Jackson Dies - Mill Ownership Disputed

Cummins Jackson "died the 4th of December (1849) with typhoid fever, after an illness of 27 or 28 days."⁴²in California. He died without a will and it caused great excitement among his relatives.⁴³

"Thomas decided to stay out of the property dispute which would last almost twenty years. During these years, the property suffered from lack of care. Cummins' sister, Catherine Jackson White, finally took possession of the property in 1868. When she died in 1875, the property was sold to William and Huldah Moxley. When the Moxley's failed to make payments, the land was repossessed and sold to Joseph Clifton, a miller whose mill had recently been destroyed by fire. Clifton set about making improvements, hoping to put the mill back into operation, but he died after only four years."⁴⁴

Clifton's heir, his daughter, was an absentee owner. She rented the mill and a home which Cummins Jackson had constructed to various tenants. In 1913, the mill, house, and property were sold to A.T. Watson, who transferred it to the Monongahela Traction Company, which drilled many gas wells on the property. On December 3, 1914, the Cummins Jackson house burned beyond repair.⁴⁵ An article which appeared in the Weston Democrat, 14 December 1914, described the event. It read:

"The old historic homestead at Jackson's Mills on the M.V. traction line between Clarksburg and Weston, where the south's favorite son, "Stonewall" Jackson spent his boyhood days, burned to the ground Thursday, Dec. 3, 1914.

⁴²Hays, Mary J., "Hays-Jackson Letter," Hacker's Creek Journal, Volume XIII, Iss 1, pp. 26-27.

⁴³Ibid.

⁴⁴Jackson's Mill 4-H Conference Center, *ibid.*

⁴⁵Weston Democrat, December 14, 1914.

The origin of the blaze is unknown. C.B. Williams and family lived in the old mansion which was the property of the Monongahela Traction company.

"In the burning of the building a landmark more than a century old has been destroyed. Hundreds of visitors from all over the United States have visited the site...

"The old building was partly made of sawed lumber and partly of logs and when it was first built was one of the finest in the country. Old residents say that it was once referred to as the "Jackson palace" It consisted of about eight rooms in all. The old fire places where wood was burned had been replaced by more modern grates and other improvements had been made to preserve the old landmark.

"The improvement did not materially change the appearance of the old house, according to old residents who knew the place years ago.

"Gray haired veterans from the South who fought in Jackson 's Brigade in the Confederate army at Bull Run, where General Bernard Bee gave him the name of "Stonewall" that he ever afterwards bore, have journeyed to the old birthplace of their commander and shed tears over the memories that it recalled to them ever since the surrender of General Robert E. Lee at Appomatox.

"Soldiers from the north and from the south have shook hands at the old homestead, and exchanged reminiscences of bygone days. In the summer time a few years ago, when the little stream where "Stonewall," or Thomas Jonathan, as he was then known, used to fish, these old veterans would gather daily with their fishing apparatus. There they would linger for days at a time, telling stories of the great struggle between the north and south..."⁴⁶

Jackson's Mill Becomes 4-H Camp

The West Virginia Extension Department was created in 1907 as a part of West Virginia University College of Agriculture. The new department planted the seed (pun intended) for the formation of 4-H clubs in West Virginia with a corn-growing contest among West Virginia boys the same year. This contest developed into the formation of corn clubs for rural boys; and, in turn, the corn clubs became 4-H clubs with club work offered to young people of both sexes.

One of the early leaders in extension work in West Virginia and the catalyst in the acquisition of Jackson's Mill as a camp and central meeting place for 4-H boys and girls was William H. "Teepi" Kendrick. Kendrick, and others, wanted "a place where boys and girls could get a vision of their future possibilities and find a suggested scheme for approaching that vision. It was to be a beautiful spot. It was to be a refuge for wildlife and a playground for youth.

⁴⁶The date for the burning of the "Jackson Palace" is mistakenly given as 1915 in many published articles. 1914 is the correct year. Nancy Jackson and Linda Meyers have verified the date from the Weston Democrat article as well as other sources.

It also was to be a place to make friends. It was to stimulate boys and girls to be businesslike. It was to present a greater opportunity for running a camp as a democracy and it was to present a constant vision of 4-H development."⁴⁷

It was at the suggestion of Mrs. Arthur Rhodes, then president of the Stonewall Country Life Club⁴⁸ of Lewis County, that Kendrick and Charles Hartley journeyed to the old boyhood home of "Stonewall" Jackson to conduct a survey of the land.

In 1921, they traveled onto the grounds via the old streetcar line that was discontinued in 1947. Those who saw them come onto the grounds thought they were gas men, for much gas was to be found in that area. Little did anyone know that these two men were deeply interested in establishing a state 4-H camp; little did anyone dream that this field of corn stubble would develop into a camp valued in the millions of dollars over the next seventy-plus years.

Hartley and Kendrick returned to Morgantown without meeting any of the local people; but within a few days they recommended that the State 4-H Camp be located at Jackson's Mill.

Shortly thereafter, the West Virginia Legislature named Jackson's Mill as the state 4-H camp, the first such camp in the nation. Dedicated to providing educational and leadership opportunities for boys and girls of the Mountain State, the camp soon became one of the best known spots in the state as youth from every country traveled to the Mill for the camps.⁴⁹ However, the deed was transferring the five acres of land that included the Jackson mill and the site of the former Jackson family homestead from the Monongahela West Penn Public Service Company⁵⁰ to the Extension Service, West Virginia University, State of West Virginia, until March 7, 1924. The donation was made on the conditions that the purposes as stated in the act creating the camp must be carried out and the granite block monument to Jackson must be preserved and maintained.⁵¹ The first camp was held the same year.

A total of seventy-five persons attended the initial camp. They found the old mill, several tents, and a temporary shed. Boys and girls brought food from home for the meals cooked over an open fire - rain or shine. They bathed in the river.

⁴⁷Stewart, Guy H., A Touch of Charisma, A History of the 4-H Club Program in West Virginia (Morgantown, West Virginia University, 1969), p.39.

⁴⁸Now Stonewall Extension Homemakers Club, Lightburn, West Virginia.

⁴⁹Weston Independent, August 14, 1974.

⁵⁰Monongahela Traction Company.

⁵¹Stewart, *ibid.*, p. 41.

Jackson's Mill in 1995

That was seventy-four years ago this summer. Today, 1995, the camp is now known as the Jackson's Mill 4-H Conference Center. "It has grown until it now comprises 525 acres. Physical development of the camp was carefully planned and much of its present beauty with its open fields bordered by quiet woods, the winding roads and sidewalks flanked by stately trees and highlighted by the bright colors of an occasional garden can be traced to the foresight shown by those who helped develop the Mill in decades past.

Scattered about the luxuriant grounds are numerous buildings including fourteen cottages of wood and native stone, the Jackson Lodge (a Holiday Inn quality motel), the Mount Vernon Dining Hall, the West Virginia Building,⁵² the All Faiths Prayer Chapel, a large livestock complex, and the historic area. In the five-acre historic area are the old Jackson's Mill, the recently moved Blaker's Mill that was constructed in 1792 in Greenbrier County, the McWhorter Cabin,⁵³ the Mary Conrad Cabin,⁵⁴ the new constructed blacksmith shop, and the newly constructed Mountain State Building. The camp also features the DAR Amphitheater, numerous gardens and recreational facilities that include tennis, basketball and volleyball courts, a swimming pool and softball field.

Where once the programs at Jackson's Mill were primarily devoted to providing state 4-H'ers with education in agricultural and home economics skills combined with leadership training, today's programs are much broader and more comprehensive. The conference center now serves West Virginians, former West Virginians, and wish-they-were-West Virginians of all ages, providing them with a variety of educational programs.

While Jackson's Mill still retains its designation as the official state 4-H camp, more than a hundred other organizations use the facilities annually for conferences, camps and other activities. The annual Stonewall Jackson Heritage Arts and Crafts Jubilee held each Labor Day weekend draws nearly 60,000 visitors annually; several elderhostels each year draw visitors from coast to coast; and the expanded historic area with its working gristmill is expected to increase the already large numbers which visit the historic area throughout the year.

A step through the gates of Jackson's Mill surrounds one with the ambiance of a time gone by and anyone who visits Jackson's Mill can understand Stonewall's immortal words, "Let us cross over the river . . ." It's one of West Virginia's shining stars.

⁵²A replica of the West Virginia Building at the Chicago World's Fair 1933?.

⁵³Built in 1793 and moved to Jackson's Mill in 1927.

⁵⁴Constructed in the 1840s at Roanoke, Lewis County, and moved to Jackson's Mill in 1994.

JACKSON'S MILL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Jackson's Mill 4-H Conference Center is nearing its 75th anniversary. It has long had the support and assistance of extension homemakers⁵⁵, 4-H'ers, and other agricultural organizations; but, there has never been a group specifically dedicated to the support and preservation of its historic area. At the same time, Jackson's Mill, like every other government-owned entity in West Virginia (and the United States too) has faced monumental reductions in funding in recent years. While it is true that large sums of money were involved in the relocation of the Blaker's Mill to Jackson's Mill (1982-1994), much of this was raised by various agricultural and 4-H organizations throughout the state and virtually none of it was used for the preservation of other structures at the Mill. In 1993, the McWhorter Family Association expended money and man-hours to repair the McWhorter Cabin.

In 1994, HCPD and other organizations and individuals, including the US Army Corps of Engineers and Mountain State Log Homes, worked together to move the Mary Conrad Cabin to the historic area and to construct the Mountain State Building there. It should also be noted that no funds of HCPD were expended on this project - except for a small cash donation when the project first began; and our members were not solicited for donations to the project. HCPD did give the use of the HCPD computer for a few hours, the provision of office space (one file drawer), and hundreds of hours of volunteer help from our members. In return, we gained the goodwill of the community and improved cooperation between HCPD and Jackson's Mill.

Because of funding cuts by/to the extension service, items like the improvement and upgrading of the historic area at Jackson's Mill have been put on hold (except for Blaker's Mill, Mary Conrad, and Mountain State). The old Jackson's Mill also received a new roof in 1994, thanks to an historic preservation grant.

Now, with the above mentioned improvements, there needs to be additional support given to the historic area - in the form of money and volunteer help - to improve and upgrade walkways, landscaping, man/plan exhibits, etc. At the same time, there are hundreds of thousands of persons out there who have an affinity for Jackson's Mill - former campers, former workers, and just plain ol' West Virginians/former West Virginians who love the place and would like to be a part of preserving it. But, there has never been a group or vehicle for them to be "connected" to the Mill - there has never been a so-called "Friends of Jackson's Mill" organization. Now, that is changing.

The Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, Inc., has joined with the Stonewall Jackson Heritage Arts and Crafts Jubilee, the McWhorter Cabin Preservation Association, and the descendants of Colonel Edward Jackson to

⁵⁵Formerly called Farm Womens Clubs.

form a new foundation "to promote, develop and operate for the people of West Virginia, educational programs and facilities at Jackson's Mill State 4-H Conference Center. To promote and develop the history, traditions, and facilities of Jackson's Mill as well as assist in the operation of said facilities for both youth and adult activities. To purchase, lease, hold, sell, develop, mortgage, convey or otherwise acquire or dispose of real and personal property for the carrying out of the purposes of the corporation."

The foundation is applying for tax-exempt {501(c)3} status from the Internal Revenue Service. When this status is received, all donations to the foundation will be tax deductible.

HCPD's connection to this foundation in no way obligates HCPD to provide financial support for/to Jackson's Mill. Our only obligation is to provide two members, as appointed by our Executive Committee, to serve on the foundation board of directors. In addition, for the present time, the HCPD library will serve as meeting place, postal address, and office space (a single file drawer) for the Foundation.

Where will the foundation get its funding? Through membership dues (fees not yet established), donations, programs in the historic area (the first is scheduled for June 24, 1995), grants, and the sale of stone-ground meal and flour of the Blaker's Mill and other items.

Why should HCPD be involved? Most importantly, according to our by-laws, we are dedicated to preserving the history and genealogy of the central West Virginia area. Jackson's Mill is a part of "our" area and it's builder, Colonel Edward Jackson, came to the area with the first party of settlers in 1768 (see "Let's Cross Over the River . . . Jackson's Mill" in this issue). The great thing is, unlike other projects we support, we have the help of several other groups.

Secondly, it gives us "clout" for prices and scheduling of our events at Jackson's Mill, i.e., our gathering, workshops, etc.

Thirdly, it brings us further recognition when it comes to recruiting members for HCPD. People like to belong to an organization that is doing something and providing for the betterment of the community.

HCPD's two appointees to the Jackson's Mill Heritage Foundation, Inc., board of directors are Charles Gilchrist and Joy Gilchrist. Other HCPD members who serve on the board as representatives of other organizations are Bob McWhorter representing the McWhorter Cabin Preservation Association and Nancy Jackson representing the descendants of Colonel Edward Jackson. Additional Jackson's Mill Heritage Foundation board members are: Peggy Doyle of Horner, representing the Jubilee, Debbie Walker of Jane Lew, representing the Jubilee; John Loyd of Barbour County and Ted Carter of Wheeling, board members at large. Bill Frye, Jackson's Mill's director, and Erseline Rumbach, Jackson's Mill's assistant director, are ex officio non-voting members.

HCPD & THE BENEDUM FOUNDATION MINI-GRANTS FOR LEWIS COUNTY

"The work of the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation begins from the particular point of departure of its founders--a predominant concern for the people of West Virginia, their native state. This is as true today as it was in 1944 when Michael and Sarah Benedum established the Foundation as a memorial to their only child, Claude, who had died while serving in the First World War.

"Michael Benedum and his partner, Joe Trees, established through the Benedum-Trees Oil Company their reputations among the foremost oil and gas wildcatters and independent producers in the industry. In 1907, Benedum and Trees moved their families from Wheeling, West Virginia, to Pittsburgh, where the Benedum-Trees Building became the headquarters of their vast oil and gas empire.

"Sarah Benedum died in 1951, followed eight years later by Mr. Benedum, who died at the age of 90, leaving the directive, to 'help people help themselves,' as the basic human concern that serves as a touchstone for the Foundation's efforts.

"Over its first three decades, the Benedum Foundation directed a large portion of its grants to capital projects and scholarship programs. Current grants are more likely to be directed toward encouraging institutional change or to helping grant recipients make more effective use of resources they generate from other sources. The Foundation promotes strong public-private collaborative efforts to meet community needs and fosters volunteer efforts whenever possible."⁵⁶

A few years ago, Caroline Carpenter, a grants person at the Benedum Foundation, developed a program for McDowell County in southern West Virginia whereby a central committee of county volunteers would organize a series of instructional sessions to develop new leaders and to provide a means of self-help for the county. The program was successful and eventually was developed in several other West Virginia counties. In 1993, some Lewis County citizens learned that the Foundation might consider a grant proposal for a similar mini-grant program for Lewis County. Contacts were made and the program began.

The program is designed in two phases.

Phase One: A few local representatives met with Ms Carpenter to learn more about the program. This group identified several communities within the county who might participate and an informational meetings for county organizations was called. Twenty-plus groups, including HCPD, participate in the information meeting in the fall of 1993. We learned that by completing the

⁵⁶Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation Guidelines for Applicants.

two-year program, we could apply for - and probably receive - a \$2000 development grant for a specific project, at that time unidentified, for the organization. Those attending the meeting voted to apply to Benedum for funding for Phase I.

It was necessary for the sponsoring organization to be recognized as a 501(c)3 by IRS to receive the grant. The Lewis County Economic Development Council agreed to be the sponsor and the grant was received.

The program continued with a series of three workshops with all expenses for the volunteer participants paid by Benedum. These workshops were interactive and participative. They covered: Building Block of Community Economic Development/Organization Development/How to get people to participate; History and experience with local development and broadening community participation; and visioning exercises and how to get from vision to implementation. Phase One also emphasized the criteria for continuation of the project to Phase Two. The criteria were: (1) an organization could be as simple as three mothers wishing to do something for their school playground or as complicated as HCPD wanting to install air conditioning; (2) the same three persons from any given organization would have to attend four out of five of the meetings in Phase Two to qualify for a grant; and (3) a 501(c) organization would have to act as fiscal agent and at least one person from the fiscal organization would have to attend each of the five meetings in Phase Two.

Phase One was successfully completed and forty plus groups indicated their wish to proceed. However, the Economic Development Council could not promise that their representative could attend each of the five meetings in Phase Two. Surprisingly, but maybe not, HCPD was the only organization with the requisite hard-to-get 501(c)3 status who could and would accept the responsibility to serve as fiscal agent. We had seven persons who decided that they could give up five Saturdays during late 1994 and into the spring of 1995 to qualify not only for a grant for HCPD, but also one for signs in the historic area at Jackson's Mill.

HCPD requested a grant of \$80,000 from Benedum to cover the expenses (food and facilitators) for Phase II and to award grants of \$2000 to each of the participating groups. This grant was awarded and would be paid in two parts - \$9500 arrived in July to cover the costs of Phase II sessions and the balance will be paid upon the completion of the workshop sessions at the end of April 1995.

Four of the workshops have now been held - despite two cancellations because of bad weather. The fifth is scheduled for April 29. The workshops have covered everything from budgeting and grant writing to conflict resolution and making meetings work. All have been informative.

After the April 29 meeting, a grants committee comprised of one person from each of the groups completing the sessions and the fiscal agent's representative will award the grants based on written applications and the attendance requirement. The grant checks will be given at a special community

celebration sometime in June. Each of the projects must be completed within six months of receipt of the grant.

The Hacker Wackers, HCPD's group, will use their grant money to purchase full-house air conditioning for our new library. The Jackson's Mill group will purchase and install signs at each of the buildings in the historic area. Christina Rumbach, our executive director, designed the signs as a project in one of her classes for her master's degree in public history at West Virginia University two years ago.

The seven who have participated for HCPD and Jackson's Mill are: Donna Williams, Charles Gilchrist, Betty Rhoades, Beecher Rhoades, Bob Doyle, Joe Rumbach, and Joy Gilchrist. Joy is the fiscal agent. In addition, several of our members have participated as parts of other groups; four that I remember off the top of my head are: Helen Garrett, Denton King, Sandy King, and Mary Lee Smith.

Why is HCPD participating as fiscal agent? For the good of the community; because the executive committee believed in the work being done; because it might help our chances if ever we wish to apply to Benedum for a grant - and, who knows, we just might want to do that some day.

A SPECIAL FLAG

A very special flag salutes passersby on the Jackson's Mill Road from our flag staff. Let me tell you about it. Charter members Bob and Bill Smith arranged the flag presentation to another of our charter members, Ben Mitchell, on our behalf many years ago when the dream of a building of our own was just that - a dream. Bob and Ben are gone now, but their flag, our flag, waves on.

Newer HCPD members might wonder what was so special about Bob and Ben. Both gentlemen touched each of our lives, even to this day, by the research they did. Their work will be found in book upon book on our shelves.

Bob was noted for his interviews with older persons along Hacker's Creek in the days before they were all gone. He compiled maps of the earliest settlers on the creek. He served as our second president. He was the assistant editor for the Journal. Whenever there was a job to be done, Bob was there to help.

Ben Mitchell was the "old man at the Harrison County courthouse" who voluntarily helped folks with their research. He knew something - and sometimes a lot - about all the "old" families of early Harrison County. He probably recruited more members for HCPD than anyone since that time.

The executive committee knows that someday the Smith-Mitchell flag will begin to wear and it will have to be placed with our other treasures. Realizing that, and in recognition for the service both men gave to HCPD, a room in our new home will be dedicated in each of their memories on Saturday, August 12, during the dedication ceremonies at the gathering.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE TWO HENRY FLESHERS

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(Based on research completed as of 4 March 1995)

By the time of the ratification of the Declaration of Independence the American Revolution was in full swing, and no one in the American Colonies was left unaffected. Western Virginia sent many of its men to the Continental Army, and many more served on the home front as scouts, spies, and border guards. The war record of Henry Flesher Sr., pioneer of the site of Weston, West Virginia, has been the subject of some discussion among students of the Flesher family history, and there remains some confusion among researchers as to where and when Flesher served, and in what unit. The confusion is aggravated by the little known fact that there were two Henry Fleshers who were 1770s pioneers on the West Fork River, and that fact is key to sorting out the history of the Flesher family in the Revolution.

Henry Flesher Sr. and his brother Peter came to America in 1752 from the Province of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. Henry was the pioneer settler at Weston as above stated, and Peter lived for many years near the village of Blue Grass, now Highland County, Virginia. Peter became the father of another Henry Flesher, and this Henry will be referred to as "Henry the Younger" to distinguish him from his uncle above of the same name.

Many folks who have given the matter any thought believe that Henry Flesher Sr., of the site of Weston served his country in the Continental Army unit of Captain Bowyer of the 12th Virginia Regiment. This assertion is found in a number of DAR applications. Roy Bird Cook stated in a letter in the 1930s to the Mayor of Weston⁵⁷ that Henry Sr. served in the company of Indian Spies of Captain John McCoy. The late Ben Mitchell, historian of Clarksburg, told me several years ago that he doubted if Henry Sr. was ever in the service at all, and he told me in reference to a group sheet I myself had prepared showing Henry Sr. as a Lieutenant in William Lowther's company. So it is clear that not everyone agrees as to the Revolutionary service of Henry Flesher Sr. I have since arrived at the conclusion at least to my own satisfaction that Ben Mitchell was right, and that Henry Flesher Sr. was not in the service, and it is hoped that the following examination of the evidence will lead the reader to an understanding of that conclusion.

That the Henry Flesher in Bowyer's unit was NOT the Henry Sr. pioneer of Weston can be proven beyond ANY doubt. The Henry of Bowyer's company

⁵⁷Homer Hill Manuscript has transcript of letter.

was still living in 1820 in Pendleton County when he testified in the pension proceedings of John Slaven as to his own and Slaven's service in Bowyer's company. This Henry Flesher was Henry the younger, son of Peter, as Henry Sr. of Weston had been deceased for almost two decades.

Henry Flesher the younger enlisted in Bowyer's company in the later part of the year 1776, being mustered in by Lt. Robert Gamble. The intention was for the unit to march to present day Parkersburg⁵⁸, but in September the people of the Tygart Valley petitioned the Virginia Assembly for three companies of soldiers, they being concerned about the impending danger of Indian invasion. Bowyer's company was then marched to the Tygart Valley where they spent the winter, and in March Henry Flesher's war record shows that he was a private in company

F, at a salary of \$6.33 per month. The unit was then marched to Winchester, and from there to New Jersey, where they joined the main army under Washington, at Middlebrook. On August 21, 1777 Henry Flesher the younger was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, with a pay increase to \$8.00 per month.

The following month the American forces of about 11,000 men including Henry Flesher fought 18,000 British troops under General Sir William Howe. Howe's army was engaged in an advance on Philadelphia which General Washington made an unsuccessful attempt to stop at Brandywine Creek on September 11th. The British made a frontal feint at the American force while a surprise attack was made on the American right by British General Charles Cornwallis. The Americans were forced into retreat and Washington ordered the troops to fall back to Chester, Pennsylvania and Howe took Philadelphia on September 27th. The Continental Congress was forced to evacuate to Baltimore. Howe's army went into camp at Germantown, just north of Philadelphia and Washington's troops, including Sgt. Flesher, attacked Howe there on October 4th. In the disaster that followed the Americans were defeated when their own right wing became confused and opened fire on their own troops, throwing the American army into a panic and necessitating a retreat⁵⁹. Flesher and the rest of Washington's army went into winter camp at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

The winter spent at Valley Forge was one of the darkest chapters in the history of the American army in the Revolution. The troops were completely demoralized. They were under supplied, and many died of starvation and cold. General Sir Henry Clinton succeeded Howe in command of the British forces in the spring, and decided to evacuate Philadelphia. The British left there on June 18th and marched into New Jersey. They were pursued by the Americans, including Flesher, and overtaken in Monmouth County, New Jersey where the

⁵⁸1809 letter of Gamble in Ida Martin DAR papers.

⁵⁹Henry Flesher War Record, National Archives; Gamble letter *ibid.*; Funk & Wagnals Encyclopedia.

Battle of Monmouth took place on June 28th. Although the battle was a draw the day was saved when General Washington rallied the American forces after American General Charles Lee made a lackluster attack on the British rear and ordered a retreat. Sergeant Flesher's war file at the National Archives shows that at the time of the Battle of Monmouth his salary was \$10.00 per month.

The muster roll of company F of the 12th Regiment, dated September 1778, says that Sergeant Flesher had enlisted in that unit on August 7, 1776, for two years, so his term of service was up on August 7, 1778. He must have left immediately, as he turns up in the records of Augusta County, Virginia, his home county, on the 19th of August⁶⁰ when he was appointed 2nd Lieutenant in Captain William Lowther's company on the West Fork River. Understanding that this is the same Henry Flesher the younger is somewhat problematical in light of the fact that the other Henry, Henry Sr., was at the time a pioneer settler on the West Fork River, and as will be shown later, was apparently with his family in the same fort. It is here that proof of the presence of TWO Henry Fleshers on the West Fork at the same time becomes critical.

The September 1778 12th Virginia Regiment muster roll at White Plains shows that Sergeant Henry Flesher (the younger's) term of service was up on the seventh of August. The roll itself is not evidence of his physical presence in any given place, as it was dated a month later and amounts to a note about how much and for how many days Flesher was paid in the month of August. It must surely be more than coincidence that Sergeant Flesher was paid until AUGUST 19th, the exact date that 2nd Lieutenant Flesher is appointed by the Augusta Militia!! The mechanics of this action I do not fully understand, but I feel certain that it amounts to Sergeant Flesher (Henry the younger) of the Continental Army being transferred and promoted to 2nd Lieutenant in the Virginia State Militia. This contention is supported by the fact that Henry Flesher the younger can be proven to have been on the West Fork River AND shown to have been an associate of William Lowther!

Harrison County Survey Book 3 at page 35 records a survey dated the 13th of October, 1786, in the name of "Henry Flesher, son of Peter, assignee of William Lowther" (underlines mine). The survey is for 112 acres at the mouth of Hacker's Creek. Near this land was the site of West's Fort (present day Jane Lew), and William Lowther's Company is known to have been headquartered there ⁶¹. This record will show that Henry Flesher the younger had a land survey near where he served as 2nd Lieutenant during the Revolution. If more evidence is needed that the Henry Flesher in Lowther's company is Henry the younger and not Henry Sr., further evidence in the records should be helpful.

⁶⁰Augusta County Order Book XVI, page 353.

⁶¹Augusta County Order Book XVI, Page 224 - "William Lowther, West Fort, recommended captain 1777."

An entry in the record books of Augusta County shows that Henry Flesher was appointed 2nd Lieutenant in Captain John McCoy's company on October 22, 1778⁶². Various records of Captain McCoy's company will connect it to William Lowther. McCoy lived on the Bullpasture River in what is now Highland County, Virginia⁶³. He as leader of his company saw service in various places, and the pension papers of Adam Arbogast tell us that he (Arbogast) served in McCoy's company with Conrad Flesher. Conrad was another son of the immigrant Peter and a brother of Henry Flesher the younger⁶⁴. That McCoy's company took it's members from the South Branch area is shown by the fact that the same record that names Flesher 2nd lieutenant names Nicholas Seybert as 1st Lieutenant and Nicholas Harper as Vice Captain. John Simmons, a member of a family that lived near to the Peter Flesher family stated in his pension proceedings that he went from Augusta County against the Indians on the West Fork River in John McCoy's company and spent part of his tour at LOWTHERS FORT and part of his time at Nutter Fort⁶⁵. All of this evidence will conclusively show that the Henry Flesher in McCoy's company was Henry the younger, and is also a strong indication that he is the same Henry in William Lowther's company! It may be well to conclude the discussion of Henry Flesher the younger's war record by pointing out that he was appointed Major of the Pendleton County militia in December, 1788, and that this action was well after the Revolution. Henry Flesher the younger was a Lieutenant in the Revolution, and a Major in the local county militia afterward⁶⁶.

If Henry Flesher Sr. was not in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary war, one might wonder how he occupied his time during the period and whether he served in some other capacity. We are fortunate to be able to piece together a pretty good picture of Henry Flesher's life during this critical period in the American experience.

Permanent settlement had begun west of the Allegheny Range by the 1760s and by the time of the onset of Dunmore's War in 1774 the populating of the rivers and valleys in the Monongahela watershed was in full swing. At the time Henry Flesher Sr. was a family man forty years old and lived on the South Fork River near the present day village of Fort Seybert, Pendleton County. He may have been married to a daughter of George Adam Bush but that is the subject of a whole other story. Whomever his wife was they were the parents of 7 children by 1774, ranging in ages from about 12 to the tender age of two.

⁶²Augusta County Order Book XVI, page 367.

⁶³Augusta County Order Book XVII, page 225.

⁶⁴Adam Arbogast Revolutionary Pension Record.

⁶⁵John Simmons Revolutionary Pension Record.

⁶⁶Pendleton County Order Book 1, page 18: "December 1788 Henry Flesher, gentleman, presents commission from the governor appointing him major."

West of the mountains the Dunmore's War had prompted the building of forts for the protection of the population, and the troubles culminated in the battle of Point Pleasant on October 10, 1774. Back on the South Fork Henry Flesher Sr. became the father of a son, named Henry, about 1775. In 1776 Monongalia County was created out of West Augusta, and in 1779 the West Fork River Valley was added to the new county. It was in 1776 that Henry Flesher Sr. made the pioneer settlement at the site of what is now Weston.

Glenn D. Lough, in his Awhile Ago Times newspaper, published a number of extraordinary stories about the settlement by Henry Flesher at Weston and about the events leading up to it. While Glenn D. Lough's writings must be taken with some caution (he seems to have approached local history with a mixture of documented fact and historical fiction) his stories about Henry Flesher's early contact with the West Fork valley are very colorful and interesting as folklore and therefore will be included here.

Lough credited much of his material about the Fleshers to his own grandmother who was born Zelema Flesher, a granddaughter of Adam Flesher. Lough says that his grandmother told him that Henry Flesher had visited the West Fork area as early as 1764 looking for a place to make a settlement. In light of what is known of the period in frontier history this is probably true, as even though the King's proclamation of 1763 had made settlement of the lands west of the Alleghenies illegal, many ignored the King's instructions and many made illegal settlements west of the mountains. There is no reason to doubt that the territory west of the mountains may have been familiar to Flesher for years before his actual settlement at Weston.

Lough says that Henry Flesher camped at the site of the State Hospital at Weston in July of 1764 in front of what became known as the "Jesus Rock", a huge boulder one third the size of a boxcar that some person or persons had decorated with the carved name "Jesus". The name was highest on the rock, below that was the date (in Roman numerals) "1568", and below the date were three men, apparently representing the crucifixion. Lough goes to great lengths to connect the drawing to three sailors dropped off by pirates in Central America in 1567 who made their way through the interior to Nova Scotia, later being picked

up by a French ship. While it is not out of the question that Henry Flesher found a boulder decorated with Christian inscriptions when he first visited the site of Weston, there is no reason to think that the drawings might not have been made by any number of Caucasian visitors to the site, given the fact that the Western Waters had been well explored by Europeans many years prior to Flesher's removal to the site. Lough's grandmother said that Adam Flesher had copied the inscriptions by carving a likeness of them in the stock of his gun with a hunting knife.

Notwithstanding when Henry Flesher first explored the West Fork River valley, he became the first Caucasian settler at the site of the town of Weston. Virginia law of the eighteenth century provided that any persons who settled on

land west of the mountains before January 1778 was entitled to 400 acres with right to preempt 1000 adjoining. Flesher built his cabin apparently at the site of what is now the southwest corner of Main and Bank Streets in Weston, according to an 1884 newspaper article written by his grandson, Noah Flesher⁶⁷. Some researchers have placed the cabin further southeast on First Street, based partly on the fact that the Main Street location is in the flood plain. However it has been pointed out by an official with the National Weather Service in Elkins that the flood plains would have been quite different in Henry Flesher's day than they are today. This being the case there is no reason to doubt that the cabin stood at the Main Street location where Noah Flesher said it did, since Noah's father Adam lived in the cabin and since Noah's article is the earliest known document that places the cabin's location. Henry Sr. also had a barn on the site of the present day Baptist Church at the corner of Center Avenue and East Second Street, and a "threshing floor" on the site of the Lewis County Courthouse.

When studying the life of a West Virginia ancestor during the period of settlement of the Western Waters, one must be mindful of the cloudy definition of "settlement". In Henry Flesher's case it was a ride of several days through a dense forest that amounted to a jungle⁶⁸ from his old home on the South Fork to his new location on the West Fork River. As has been pointed out he had the responsibility for a wife and several children, the youngest just an infant, and it is doubtful that he moved the entire family to the site of Weston in 1776. Rather it is likely that he and some associates made the trip first, began the process of clearing the land, making a shelter, and planting a crop. This process was likely begun prior to 1769 when it was still illegal, and quite probably the pioneer's "primary residence" was still on the South Fork until the site could be sufficiently prepared for the introduction of the wife and younger children.

1777 is forever remembered in border history as the "bloody year of the three sevens". After the brutal murder of Chief Cornstalk of the Shawnee nation of Indians the natives fell on the frontiers with a vengeance. As has been noticed above the Virginia authorities were obliged to send troops to the western waters, and among these was the unit of Captain Kinkead which marched from Staunton to the West Fork in March of 1777⁶⁹. Previous to May of 1778 Captain

⁶⁷See Flesher, Noah, "Early History," Weston Democrat 24 May 1884 and Adler, Bill, "Exact Site of Flesher Cabin Unknown," Weston Democrat 8 October 1975 and Adler, Bill, "Yesteryears," Weston Democrat 21 Jun 1984 for further discussion of the controversy surrounding the location of the Flesher cabin.

⁶⁸See Taylor, John, A History of the Baptist Churches... A Journal of the Author's Life For More Than Fifty Years, Frankfurt, Kentucky, 1823, for a description of travel in and the territory of Western Virginia in the 1770s.

⁶⁹Augusta County Revolutionary War Declaration of Alexander Williams in Chalkley, Lyman, Chronicles of the Scotch Irish Settlement in Virginia, Baltimore, Genealogical

Wall's unit had been dispatched from the South Fork to the West Fork and they built a fort on Hacker's Creek⁷⁰. It may well have been under the protection of one of these two units that Henry Flesher Sr. finally brought his family into the wilds of frontier West Virginia.

It is known that the family had made the move at least by 1778. Henry Flesher's eldest daughter, Anna, married John Sleeth "in 1777 or 1778 in what is now Lewis County by a Baptist Preacher Joseph Redding who published the banns" according to her pension application as widow of John Sleeth. Her testimony states that she was married in a fort as the residents of the region were compelled to live in forts for fear of Indian invasion. Independent information will place the Flesher family (or at least Sleeth) at West's Fort at the time.

In mid June 1778 Mrs. Hacker and Mrs. Freeman were attacked by Indians while out of West's Fort attending to the gardens, and Mrs. Freeman was killed. John Schoolcraft and Jesse Hughes observed the ensuing exchange of gunfire from nearby and returned to the fort to put together a posse to pursue the Indians. Alexander and Charles West, James Brown, and John Sleeth followed the party and wounded one, but a rain storm blew up and the pursuit was abandoned⁷¹. John Schoolcraft was the nearest neighbor to Henry Flesher on Stone Coal Creek, and William Hacker had a land claim on the opposite side of the river from Flesher on Polk Creek⁷². The presence of Schoolcraft, the Hackers, and Sleeth in this incident suggests that the family of Henry Flesher was at West's Fort and witness to the incident. It is also likely that the family was "fort mates" with Henry Flesher the younger, nephew of Henry Sr. In the spring of 1779 the settlement on Hackers Creek was completely broken up, and in the fall the wife and children of John Schoolcraft, Flesher's next door neighbor, were killed by the natives.

In the fall "before the hard winter of 1780" the teenage Adam Flesher often hunted deer with John Sleeth⁷³. Sleeth and Anna moved from the West Fork to the South Branch where he left her with the family of Paulser Butcher and joined the Continental Army. The spring of 1780 again found the upper West Fork settlers huddled in West's fort. The natives attacked and the fort was

Publishing Company, 1974, Vol. II, page 477.

⁷⁰Augusta County Revolutionary War Declaration of John Young in Chalkley, *ibid.*, Vol. II, page 486.

⁷¹Withers, Alexander Scott, *Chronicles of Border Warfare*, Clarksburg, (W)V, Joseph Israel, 1831.

⁷²Augusta County Entry Book 1, p.l 157: "William Hacker enters 400 acres on Polk Creek adjoining Henry Flesher on West Fork River."

⁷³John Sleeth pension file.

burned, the settlers scrambling to other forts in the region, with the natives dogging them, killing everyone they could, every step of the way⁷⁴.

Adam Flesher testified in his own pension proceedings that he went with his father to Buckhannon fort in October of 1781, and that at the time the fort was under the command of a Pringle. Buckhannon Fort was at the time the home tract of William White, and it was White who had built it⁷⁵. Adam Flesher testified that he was a scout and ranger for five days that year from Buckhannon Fort.

On February 8th, 1781, which date is given by Withers, Henry Fink and his son John were engaged in sledding rails on their family's farm near the fort, when they were attacked by Indians and John Fink was killed. The father unhooked the horse from the sled and galloped to his house and took the family to the fort. Adam Flesher testified that the alarm was given and that several of the men, including himself, went out and found John Fink's body and buried it. Flesher testified that he was engaged in this outing for two days and that the Tuesday following the Indians killed Lieutenant White in sight of the fort, and that he aided in bringing White's body into the fort and in the burial. The events he referred to were the fall of Buckhannon.

Buckhannon Fort fell in March of 1782. Withers gives the date of March 8th for the killing of White. Whether the party that killed White was the same raiding party that had killed Fink is not clear. Obviously there is some discrepancy as to the dates if White's death was the "Tuesday following" that of Fink as Flesher said. When the dust cleared after the killing of White, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Dorman, who lived on the tract across the river and adjacent to the fort⁷⁶ were gone. Whether the Dormans were captured or went along willingly is unclear. The settlers must have learned something after being trapped in the fort on Hackers Creek and dogged all the way to adjacent settlements, for this time they decided to "git while the gittins' good" and abandon Buckhannon, some of the settlers going to the Tygart Valley and others to present day Harrison County. But their retreat was not hasty enough.

On the way to the Tygart Valley a party consisting of John Bush, Michael Hagle, Elias Painter and Edward Tanner was attacked and Hagle and Painter shot. Bush made a hasty escape on foot. Tanner was captured and on the way west he saw another raiding party supposedly led by Timothy Dorman heading east to attack the fort again⁷⁷. The Dorman party proceeded to Buckhannon,

⁷⁴Withers, *ibid*.

⁷⁵Monongalia County Record of Copmmissioners of Unpatented Lands, certificate for George Jackson as ASSIGNEE OF WILLIAM WHITE; Harrison County Chancery File 49/8; Lowther, Minnie Kendall, *History of Ritchie County*, 1911, page 81.

⁷⁶Record of Commissioners of unpatented Lands, *ibid.*, 5 April 1781; Harrison County Chancery File 49/8.

⁷⁷Withers, *ibid*.

and finding the settlement abandoned burned the fort. They proceeded to the house of John Bush, the present day location of South Florida Street, opposite present day Buckhannon town, and finding him gone they proceeded to the Tygart Valley where Bush was attacked again, and again escaped, this time Adam Stalnaker being a casualty. It seems clear to me that John Bush had committed some infraction that had made him a "marked man" for the British-directed Indians, but what it was the record does not show. He was not in the service at Buckhannon, as his brother Jacob testified (in Jacob's pension proceedings) that he (Jacob) had entered the service at Buckhannon as a substitute for his brother John⁷⁸. Henry Flesher Jr., son of Henry Sr., years later in a court deposition, testified that as a boy he had been fortified with John Bush⁷⁹.

After the fall of Buckhannon Henry Flesher and his family went to Richards Fort in present day Harrison County, according to the testimony of Adam Flesher. Adam testified that he was among the guard who escorted the people from Buckhannon to Richards fort. He also testified that he was among the party who returned to Buckhannon under George Jackson only to find the fort in ashes. Here Flesher's testimony agrees with Wither's account as to the date, as Flesher said that he returned with Jackson to Buckhannon in March.

Withers also mentions the return of the Jackson party to Buckhannon. He says that finding the fort in ashes and being aware of the presence of the Dorman party in the neighborhood, they nonetheless went from farm to farm to gather grain and supplies, and found a paper in one house with the name of Timothy Dorman on it listing names of persons who had been captured in the adjacent country. The paper was supposed to have been written in the Indian towns but if so it could not have been in Dorman's hand. Cutright identifies the house where the paper was found as that of John Bush⁸⁰ making me wonder further just what old Uncle John was doing that had made him such a target for the natives during the period. They finally killed him in 1791.

Adam Flesher's later testimony sheds some light on the experience of the Henry Flesher Sr. family at Richard's Fort. Adam said in his own pension testimony that he was engaged in cultivating corn and that while one group of men worked others would stand guard and that they alternated in shifts of

⁷⁸There is no validity to the widely published claim that the fort at Buckhannon was called "Bushes Fort." It apparently was Withers who was responsible for this, and it was later repeated, I think, in some of the pension proceedings. It must be remembered that some of the pension depositions were taken partly from Withers' account, and NO testimony I have seen indicates that John Bush was ever in command of Buckhannon Fort.

⁷⁹Harrison County Chancery File 53/9.

⁸⁰Cutright, W. B., The History of Upshur County, West Virginia, Buckhannon, WV, 1907.

working and watching. Adam Flesher also said that he was out from Richard's Fort five or six days at a time scouting and ranging in the woods.

In the pension proceedings of Peter McCune, Adam Flesher testified that he was witness to the marriage of McCune to Christianna, daughter of Adam O'Brien in Richards Fort. Flesher said that his (Flesher's) father had moved there "for the year of the Indians". The McCune - O'Brien wedding affords us with one of the lesser known lighter moments in frontier history. The ceremony was performed by a Baptist preacher named Edwards, and Flesher said that McCune was in his soldier's uniform, blue, laced with red, and that he wore what was commonly called a "macaroni hat". The bride was a mere girl of fourteen, and Elijah Runnion testified in the same proceedings that he (Runnion) had approached her about that fact before the ceremony: "her appearance was that of a very young girl and I remember asking her on that occasion and told her to roll up some handkerchiefs and put them in her bosoms to give the appearance of breasts". Oh, how little we men have changed in 200 years! Adam Flesher testified that he and his father and family lived in Richard's Fort until they returned to his father's old settlement at Weston in 1784.

It is likely that Flesher's residence at the site of Weston was permanent from then on. It can be seen that his tenure there had been sporadic at best from the 1760s when he first camped under the "Jesus Rock" through the period of the worst Indian hostilities. It is also clear that he can be proven NOT to have been in the Continental Army unit of Captain Bowyer in the 1770s, and that he can be placed in the region in the forts above mentioned from 1779 until 1784. The only POSSIBLE contribution he may have made to the cause was the erection of a "station" on his land grant. It is not clear just what year "Flesher's Station" was built, although Adam Flesher refers to it in his own pension proceedings. Davis' History of Harrison County, quoting an 1830s Harrison County court record, says that George Jackson, from Buckhannon, had command of a chain of blockhouses that reached from Buckhannon to Ohio.⁸¹ Perhaps "Flesher's station" was one of these, and perhaps this will qualify us for membership in patriotic societies through Henry Sr. Regardless of this, it is clear that the Fleshers were both participants and eyewitnesses to this most important of American eras, and we as the progeny of these hardy pioneers can look back with pride at the contribution of our forebears to the building of a new land!

⁸¹Davis, Dorothy, *History of Harrison County, West Virginia* (Clarksburg, American Association of University Women, 1970)

Ashford Ervin Swisher and His Family

by Boyd L. "Rocky" Swisher

Ashford Ervin Swisher (1848-1912), a native of Lewis County, was descended from an old West Virginia family. His great-great-grandfather was Peter Swisher (I) (1746-1832), who emigrated from Switzerland to the port of Philadelphia, Penn. Records show Peter Schweitzer arrived on the ship "Sally" on October 5, 1767. Of the 166 passengers listed on board, he was the only Schweitzer.

The surname Schweitzer, however, evolved randomly from the late 18th century until the mid 19th century, when it became set in its present form of Swisher. The reason for this is simple. Peter could not read or write and spoke only in German and, from the pen of English-speaking county clerks or other English officials, it took on its first anglicized spelling.

Peter Swisher (I) moved to Harrison County in the 18th century. He and his wife Mary (Waggoner) Swisher settled in the Rockford community and raised twelve children.

Most of the descendants of Peter Swisher have for generations been Methodist. It is likely that some or all of Peter's family converted from Lutheran or German Reformed to Methodist. Peter and his wife Mary (Waggoner) Swisher are buried by the old Rockford Methodist Protestant Church. Peter's tombstone is the oldest legible marker in the cemetery.

His son, Peter Swisher, Jr. (1779-1830), married Susannah Rinehart (1779-1856), and built their log house on Hacker's Creek, near Berlin, West Virginia. There they raised ten children, one of which was John Rinehart Swisher (1821-1885). On February 7, 1842, John married Jane Turner in Lewis County, West Virginia. They, likewise, bought a farm on Hacker's Creek and it was here that Jane gave birth to seven sons and three daughters. Ashford Ervin was their fourth child.

On December 29, 1869, in Lewis County, Ashford Ervin Swisher married Berthena Bird Hinzman (1855-1919). He was 22 and she was 14 years of age. Together they farmed on Laurel Lick Run, near Berlin. It was there that six of their twelve children were born. The six were:

- (1) John Broza Swisher born May 19, 1871.
- (2) Cornelius Hute Swisher born March 24, 1873.
- (3) Joseph Orrestus Swisher born August 16, 1875.
- (4) Jaretha Rebecca Swisher born August 6, 1877.
- (5) Effie Octava Swisher born September 29, 1880.
- (6) Francis Columbus Swisher born February 1, 1882

The first of the Swishers to settle in Randolph County, West Virginia, was Ashford Ervin Swisher and his family. Records show a deed dated November 10, 1884, between Mary E. Lawson and her husband, M. E. Lawson, of Tammar

County, State of Iowa, selling an 80 acre farm to Berthena B. Swisher, from Lewis County, West Virginia, in the amount of \$400.

This farm was located on Cherry Tree Fork of Leading Creek and bordered on the northeast side of Wm. L. Parsons, as recorded in the above-mentioned deed. Here they only traveled a distance of a few miles to reach the village of Leading Creek (later named Montrose because of the profusion of wild roses found growing in the area). This farm, as of January 16, 1987, is owned by the widow of Ivan Hamilton.

Family tradition holds that the Swisher house on this creek was built of logs and rather small when Ashford and his family moved into it. Berthena was five months pregnant with her seventh child - William Dale Swisher born March 28, 1855. Later, while living on this farm, the following children were born:

- (8) Coleman E. Swisher born October 5, 1887.
- (9) Emma B. Swisher born May 10, 1890.
- (10) Arthur L. Swisher born October 25, 1891.

Here, I would like to bring out an interesting point. The midwife who brought Emma Swisher into this world was the famous "Aunt Sarah Murphy Wilmoth Phillips" who, in her lifetime, delivered 347 babies in and around the Montrose area. Emma Swisher was the tenth child she delivered and Arthur L. Swisher was the forty-fifth.

Ashford, in addition to farming, sold the "timber rights" on the farm to Coleman J. Schoonover and, on July 27, 1893, sold the entire farm to him for the sum of \$400.

The next record shows Berthena and Ashford buying a forty acre farm from Thomas and Emily Moore on February 28, 1896 for the sum of \$275. This farm was located on Otter Creek, a branch of Leading Creek
While living on this farm, Berthena gave birth to her last two children:

- (11) Ulysses Grant Swisher born April 27, 1894; and,
- (12) Daisy Bell Swisher born August 22, 1896.

Daisy was the 115th child delivered by the midwife "Aunt Sarah."

Berthena sold this farm to Troy Johnson, a neighbor, on October 12, 1903. In this deed it was stated that Berthena was living separate and apart from her husband and that this land is her separate estate, having being purchased with her money which she had inherited from her parents.

In regards to the same farm, I found another deed dated May 9, 1904, between A. E. Swisher, of the county of Lewis, and Troy Johnson, that for and in consideration of twenty-three dollars, cash-in-hand, A. E. Swisher hereby releases, sells and conveys with interest in same, claimed by courtesy or otherwise to Troy Johnson. It is interesting to note Ashford signed the deed with a mark of "X," as he did in previous records, which indicates he could not write.

On December 30, 1903, Berthena purchased a small house (still standing) fronting on the railroad, about five houses due west of John H. Moore's General Store. It was purchased from Jacob V. and Ann A. Wilmoth for \$250. This house was sold May 22, 1911, to Ike D. Baker for the sum of \$450.

Ashford moved to Horner, Lewis County, West Virginia, and lived for awhile with his brother, James Perry Swisher. It was here he died on December 29, 1912, and is buried in the Miller Cemetery which is located along the side of U. S. 33 between Weston and Buckhannon.

Berthena, along with her children, Arthur, Grant, and Daisy, moved to Flemington, West Virginia, where the men obtained jobs in the coal mines. Later on she moved to Belington, West Virginia, and lived with her son, William Dale, and his family. It was here she developed cancer and was bedridden for 16 months and 16 days before dying on July 16, 1919.

Berthena (Hinzman) Swisher was laid to rest in the Douglas Cemetery, near Montrose. Her children, John B., Joseph O., Coleman E., and Emma Swisher are buried beside her.

The following is a brief history of Ashford's and Berthena's children.

(1) John B. Swisher (1871-1906) married May 30, 1899 in Tucker County, West Virginia to Martha E. Kisner, daughter of Samuel R. and Delilah M. Knapp, of Moore, West Virginia. Their children were Grace E., Samuel Walter, Nettie M. and (4) Leota V. Swisher. John is buried at the Douglas Cemetery. He was a farmer and woodsman.

(2) C. "Hute" Swisher (1873-1936) married April 30, 1880 in Randolph County to Elizabeth D. Schoonover (1852-1933), daughter of Thomas W. and Bashaba (Nutter) Schoonover. Their children were: Earnest L., Ethel Rebecca, and Bird Elizabeth (Lillie). Hute's wife was once his school teacher, but age was never a barrier for happiness in their marriage.

On July 1, 1891, Elizabeth bought a forty acre farm on Clover Run Road, which was located at the foot of Pifer Mountain, near Montrose. She purchased it from Alice and B. N. Parson for the sum of \$240. It was here they lived until her death.

Hute rented the farm and went to live for awhile in Elkins with his brother, Francis. Later on, he moved to Wayne, West Virginia, where he resided for about 3 - 1/2 years with his daughter, Mrs. C. Dennis "Lillie" Harsh. At the age of sixty-five, he died in the hospital at Wayne. He and Elizabeth are buried in the Schoonover Cemetery which is located off Cherry Tree Fork Road, near Montrose. Hute was a farmer all of his life.

(3) Joseph O. Swisher (1875-1899) never married. He died at his parent's home near Montrose and is buried in the Douglas Cemetery.

(4) Jaretha Rebecca Swisher (1877-1944) married August 29, 1895, at Montrose, to Page Luther Parsons (1872-1950). Page was a local boy and was the son of Joshua and Lois Schoover Parsons. Soon after their marriage, they moved to Columbus, Ohio, and farmed for awhile. Later, they moved back to Flemington, West Virginia, where Page worked as a coalminer. He gave up this job and moved back on a farm in Harrison County, West Virginia.

Their children were: (1) Bessie Bell, born 1896; (2) Walter F., born 1897; (3) Ray C., born 1899, (4) Lucy B., born 1901, (5) Hattie A., born 1903, (6) Cecil C., born 1906, (7) William B., born 1908, (8) Edith V., born 1909, (9) Woodrow W., born 1914, (10) Retha M., born 1916, (11) Mable M., born 1918 and (12) Page, Jr., born 1921.

Page and Retha had 56 grandchildren. Both of them died at Stonewood, West Virginia, and are buried in Stonewood Park Cemetery.

(5) Effie O. Swisher (1880-1924) married October 23, 1900, to John Poling near Montrose. They had three children: William, Daisey, and Dewey Poling. These children were all born in Taylor County, W. Va.

Effie's second husband was ----- Robinson. There were no children by this marriage.

Effie died at the home of her brother, William Dale Swisher, at Dartmoor, West Virginia. She is buried in an "unmarked grave" in the Fraternity Cemetery, Belington, West Virginia.

(6) Francis C. Swisher (1882-1962) married Flossie Kate Lantz (1890-1930) at Elkins on June 26, 1912. Kate was the daughter of Charles J. and Eunice (Teter) Lantz. Their children were Elwood D., Mildred L., Murl E., Kathryn F., and Boyd Lantz.

Francis, sometimes referred to as "Frank," first worked on his parents' farm. He then went to work in the coal mines for a short period of time. Afterwards, he worked at logging camps in Tucker and Randolph counties for about 10 years. He finally decided that he wanted to become a barber. He went to school in

Cincinnati, Ohio, and then returned to West Virginia.

He opened his first barber shop in Glady, West Virginia, ca 1910-1911. It was here he met his future wife, Kate, who was from Glady. After they married, they moved to Jenningson, then to Parsons, and finally in 1919 to Elkins. He remained here and worked as a barber until his death at the age of 80.

Kate died in 1930 and Francis never remarried. He is buried next to his wife in Maplewood Cemetery, Elkins, along with their son, Murl Edward Swisher (1916-1919).

(7) William Dale Swisher (1885-1939) first married Mary Phillips (1887-1931), the daughter of Elam and Malinda Phillips. They were married on February 9, 1907 in Barbour County, West Virginia. They were the parents of seven

children: Sobina Melinda, Macil Bird, Dorsey Brown, twin girls Pauline and Geraldine, Carl Williard, and Larme Edward.

His second wife was Nancy (Jenkins) Jarvis (1889-1936) and his third wife was Cora Simmons (1884-?). There were no children by either of these marriages.

Dale, as he was known, worked as a logger in his early years. Later on he went into the coal mines and also farmed. On January 18, 1939, Dale was killed instantly when a heavy fall of slate fell on him while working at the Tidd Coal Company near Valley Bend, West Virginia. He is buried in an unmarked grave along side of his first and second wives in the Fraternity Cemetery, Belington. His son, Larme Edward Swisher, is also buried at his side.

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OUR SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY OF BILL SWISHER

HCPD members and friends mourn the passing of a long-time member, cousin, and friend, Bill Swisher of Jane Lew. One of Bill's special joys was to attend the HCPD Gatherings and one of our special joys was to have him with us. We shall miss him and extend our sympathies to his wife Alma and the rest of his family.

Interpretations of Fort Seybert

Continued from Vol. XIII, Iss 1

by Ruth Ritter

Therefore, Killbuck's warlike nature incited by his desire for revenge, led him hither and thither among the settlers with his band of warriors, plundering and killing on every hand.

Killbuck had a well-known reputation for treachery. Instances are cited of his treachery when on the warpath, yet it should be remembered that treachery then was simply a part of Indian strategy. Promises made then were made to deceive, while promises made in time of peace was scrupulously kept, even in war that might follow.

It is not known that this fort was supplied with defenders. In time of danger it was expected that the settlers would gather there for shelter and the men would constitute the garrison. The command was entrusted to Jacob Seybert, who, in March 1757, was commissioned the first captain of militia in that section. Seybert had come from Frederick County, Maryland, four years before. He was one of seven brothers and had been born in Eisleben, Germany, the birthplace of Martin Luther.

On the 27th of April, 1758, a party of French and Indians operating in the South Branch Valley, captured Fort Upper Tract. Twenty-two persons, including Captain Dunlap, were killed and the fort destroyed by fire. It is not known that any of the inmates escaped. None ever returned from captivity to tell the story, and from the amazing lack of history or tradition concerning the disaster (it is believed that the massacre was complete) even the site of the fort cannot now be definitely pointed out. Only brief documentary statements tell of the loss. Having done their work of destruction the invaders turned back.

The morning of the 28th of April dawned upon Fort Seybert with a fog hanging over the valley of the South Fork, as if presaging the calamity that hung over the heads of the settlers. By an unfortunate conjunction of events, a part of the men were absent from the settlement, having crossed the Shenandoah mountain the day before. Probably because of their absence, the remaining men and the women and children were gathered within the fort. They knew that danger was imminent but unaware of the immediate presence of an enemy, while, stealing stealthily upon them, concealed by the fog, and protected by the forest, was a party of forty Shawnee warriors. They were not the band that had wrought the destruction at Upper Tract the day before, nor did they join them on their return. These had come from beyond the Ohio River, had crossed the Alleghenies and now descended upon the South Fork Valley as their field for desolation. At their head was the treacherous and revengeful Killbuck.

It is probably that, according to the usual Indian plan in attacking a settlement, they had separated into several groups for the purpose of surprising

and capturing the scattered settlers providing they were not all in the fort. One of these parties captured Mrs. Henry Hawes⁸² at her home on what is now the Laban Davis place near Brandywine, opposite the mouth of Hawes' Run. She was taken down the river toward the fort and as her captors conducted her along the high bank of the river above the present residence of A.D. Lough, she suddenly pushed the one next the river over the bank. He returned in a rage, threatening to kill her, but his companions restrained him and laughed at him, calling him a squaw man.

Another tradition concerning the capture of Mrs. Hawes relates that she and a boy named Wallace had gone out from the fort in the morning to milk cows or shear sheep. They were attacked by two Indians who sought to take them captives. The boy did not tamely submit to capture, and while one Indian was engaged in a rough and tumble struggle to overpower him, Mrs. Hawes suddenly attacked the other with the sheep shears with such energy that he let her escape, and she and the boy both reached the fort.

The first violent act of the savages near the fort was the killing of William Dyer.⁸³

Mr. Dyer was out hunting when waylaid by the savages. He attempted to fire upon them but his flint lock missed fire and they shot him dead. It transpired afterward that an Indian, probably Killbuck, had been secreted under the bridge leading across a ravine to the spring when one of the women had crossed in the morning for water. He permitted her to cross and return unmolested.

There is a tradition that a solitary horseman was riding toward the fort in the early morning, and, hearing the sound of firing and suspecting there was an Indian attack, hastened away to give the alarm to the distant settlers. Also that a messenger was secretly dispatched to Fort Upper Tract for aid, but when he came in view of the fort the smoldering ruins met his astonished gaze. There is also a doubtful tradition that a Frenchman was among the attacked party at Fort Seybert.

Now that the presence of the foe was known, the settlers fastened the gate and put themselves on the defensive. An Indian peering up over the ledge of rocks under the brow of the hill eastward was espied by Nicholas, fifteen-year-old son of Captain Seybert, from his position at a loophole, and fired upon. His head instantly disappeared and young Seybert soon saw feathers floating upon the stream below, from which he judged his bullet had hit its mark and cut loose the savage's head-gear.

Killbuck now changed from attack to strategy and called out to Captain Seybert in English that if they would surrender they would all be spared, but if

⁸²Sarah Dyer Hawes, daughter of Roger and Hannah Dyer, widow of Henry Hawes at this time.

⁸³Eldest of the five children of Roger and Hannah Dyer. He had a wife and two young sons at this time.

not they would all be killed. Seybert entered into a parley with Killbuck, as a result of which he agreed to surrender without further resistance and turn over the Indians the money and valuables in the fort. Killbuck agreed that the inmates of the fort should not be harmed. Some of the settlers favored this conditional surrender while others opposed it. Nicholas Seybert was bitter in his opposition and attempted by violence to prevent his father from making the surrender. Before the gate was thrown open he took aim at Killbuck and would have shot him dead but that his gun was knocked aside by his father. The bullet struck at Killbuck's feet.

According to Wither's⁸⁴, the following is the story: "On the morning of the fateful day, Colonel Dyer and his sister left the fort for the accomplishment of some object, and although no Indians had been seen there for some time, yet they did not proceed far, before they came in view of a party of forty or fifty Shawnees, going directly towards the fort. Alarmed for their own safety, as well as for the safety of their friends, the brother and sister endeavored by a hasty flight to reach the gate and gain admittance into the garrison; but before they could effect this, they were overtaken and made captives.

"The Indians rushed immediately to the fort and commenced a furious assault on it. Captain Seybert (Sibert) prevailed (not without much opposition) on the besieged to forbear fire until he should endeavor to negotiate with, and buy off, the enemy. With this view, and under the protection of a flag, he went out, and soon succeeded in making the wished-for arrangements. When he returned, the gates were thrown open, and the enemy admitted."

There has been much conjecture as to why Captain Seybert confided in the promise of an Indian on the warpath and did the almost unparalleled thing of surrendering to a savage foe. There might have been a shortage of ammunition, or provisions, or water within the fort. Doubtless it appeared to him impossible, with the few men in the fort-less than the usual number present-to defend this isolated place against forty armed and cunning redskins who would beset it day and night and most certainly effect an entrance sooner or later. He may have thought the women and children would fare better in the hands of the savages by a surrender than by capture.⁸⁵

It was known to be weak, and incapable of withstanding a vigorous onset, and its garrison was illy supplied with the munitions of war.⁸⁶ (Continued in Iss. 3)

⁸⁴Wither, Alexander Scott. *Chronicles of Border Warfare*, (Reuben Gold Thwaites Edition - 1895), pp. 86-89.

⁸⁵Lough, Alonzo D., *Fort Seybert Massacre*.

⁸⁶Waddell, Joseph, A.M., *Annals of Augusta County, Virginia*, (1886), p. 159. Second Edition (1901) says that there was a shortage of ammunition in the fort. Kercheval says that there were only three men in the fort, although there were about thirty people gathered there. Probably many of them were children.

**PERSONAL RECOLLECTION OF
SERGEANT JOSEPH B. ROBINSON
CONCERNING
THE ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES
OF
COMPANY B OF THE SEVENTEENTH VIRGINIA CAVALRY
SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY**

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For sometime prior to the 14th day of August, 1862, a movement had been a foot to organize a new Harrison County Company to do service in the Southern Confederacy. On the day above mentioned, the men who had agreed to join this company assembled together with a large body of men at West Milford for a general muster. A very large majority of the men who attended this muster were union sympathizers. At this time and place, Captain Lot Bowen organized a company of men which left the same night to do service in the Union army. While we were aware of Captain Bowen's motives, he did not surmise our purpose. We left West Milford with the agreement to meet at the Jesse Run Church⁸⁷ and sometime after dark at least one hundred men assembled at that place. This body of men was composed of persons residing on Elk Creek, Rooting Creek, Lost Creek, Rockford, Duck Creek, West Milford, and other points throughout the country. After assembling, we started on the march in a southeastern direction, passing within four miles of Weston crossing Stone Coal and traveling on to Centerville, which place we reached about daybreak on the morning of the 15th where we were informed that we would possibly encounter a force of Union soldiers. Nearly all the men had their own horses and were armed witg(h) guns, Pistols, corncutters, hatchets and clubs. The only rations which they carried with them were small lunches prepared by their mothers or wives before they left home. Fortunately for the young and inexperienced warriors, no union forces appeared. This aggregation of men was being lead through to the southern lines by Thomas M. Armsey and Philip H. Hilky. The same morning we crossed the Little Kanawha River at Fidler's Millshot far from Centerville. We continued our march until about 9 o'clock a.m., when we reached a small clearing in Webster County where we rested for a short time; the first stop that we had made since starting from home. We continued our journey from Hocking Valley where we stopped the same night to camp. While preparing to go into camp, we heard of a Lewis County Company of men which was later known as Company C, which was camped a short distance from us.

⁸⁷On Jesse's Run, a tributary of Hacker's Creek.

Feeling that it would be to our interests to be in their company we pulled up stakes and joined them and spent an uneventful night.

On the morning of August 16th, we breakfasted off a few crumbs which remained in our pockets from the lunches we had brought with us from home, and continued our march. As we marched along the women cheered us. When nearing Webster Springs at noon the same day, we fell in with some confederate soldiers and a Braxton County Company in the command of Lieutenant William T. Taverner⁸⁸, which later became Company L of our regiment. We continued our journey across the Yew Mountain to Williams' River in Pocahontas County where we camped in a large meadow, the only cleared land in sight. When we awoke the next morning from our grassy beds, we found the ground covered with heavy frost.

On August 17th we continued the march into the Little Levels of Pocahontas County, reaching that place at 10 o'clock in the morning. Here we were formed into small squads and were sent to the private homes of hospitable confederate sympathizers where we fared sumptuously. My squad stayed at the home of Paul McNeals, but I am unable to tell where Captain Smiths' stayed.

Captain Armsey continued his journey until he secured an interview with General Albert G. Jenkins and assigned us to his command. Upon Armsey's return, the company was formed and known as "the new company". The officers were as follows: Captain Thomas M. Armsey; First Lieutenant E. Grandison Smith; Second Lieutenant Philip H. Hilky; Third Lieutenant Daniel L. Davis; Orderly Sergeant Porter Smith. We were then taken out of these good homes and were obliged to rough it from that day on.

About the 1st of September, General Jenkins came through the Little Levels with his command and we joined in with him. The first day's march lead us through to Huttonsville where we camped for the night. The only event of the day of any note was an attempt by a Union Soldier to shoot General Jenkins, the bullet passing through his beard. He was captured by our men but General Jenkins was too brave a man to permit him to be killed. The next morning we marched steadily ahead until noon and coming to a clearing in Randolph County we halted for a short time and resumed our march until after nightfall. We camped not far from Centerville in the brush and timber. The next morning while on our march over the Buckhannon road we had a fight with the Union sharpshooters near and at Snatchburg on French Creek, but General Jenkins' old rangers were equal to the occasion and soon silenced them. From this point on to Buckhannon I served in the rear guard, at Buckhannon we found the town fortified with Union soldiers and the Harrison County Boys were given their first opportunity to shoot at a Yankee and they did it bravely and well. General Jenkins let them loose to see what they would do, and the Union soldiers abandoned the town. Here we got everything for our men and horses that could

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be desired; more than we could eat, more than we could carry, and more than we could burn. General Jenkins gave us all personally a Yankee overcoat, but which we could wear only when in camp. We left Buckhannon marching all night and reached Weston the next morning and found a few Union soldiers who showed fight but were driven out with little difficulty. This is the first time that I ever had a opportunity to shoot at a Union soldier. Lieutenant Smith was in command of the company at this place and was in command nearly constantly at all the places that I shall mention during this raid. At this place we captured a considerable amount of military stores and munition of war. Late in the evening we began our march anew, and after traveling all night we reached Glenville. We were dismounted and deployed as skirmishers. Our company encountered a guard of Union soldiers who were driven out with little difficulty. We remained here all day; camped on the Hayes farm all day and marched that night to Grantsville, getting there at noon and found no opposition. The next march was to Spencer where we encountered General Rathbone who was supported by a regiment of men. General Jenkins deployed his men at a woods near the town and sent a flag of truce demanding their surrender. The demand was accepted and when we went into the town we found the Union soldiers standing in line with their arms stacked behind them. We also got several horses and some government stores. The captured prisoners were paroled. We marched on and the next day came to Ripley where we stayed all night and on the following day went to Ravenswood and drove a guard of Union Soldiers across the Ohio River. The same evening we crossed the Ohio river into Ohio. While crossing, Ben Romine, a Lost Creek boy and a member of our company, was drowned. After making a short detour into Ohio, we recrossed the Ohio River at Mason City at 12 o'clock at night. From here we went to Buffalo in Putnam County where we rested the better part of the next day. We then crossed the Big Kanawah River, marching all night, and in the morning came to General Jenkins' farm, a magnificent place located in Cabell County where we camped all day and all night, enjoying his hospitality. The next morning we started on a march up the Ohio River and during the entire time the Union soldiers were firing at us across the Ohio River. We continued this journey to Barboursville. The object of this detour on the part of Jenkins was to head off General J.A.J. Lightburn who had met General Loren in engagements at Cotton Hill and Fayetteville, defeating the former. Jenkins was trying to head him off, but failed to find him for the reason that he had beat a hasty retreat into Ohio before he could be attacked. Failing to hear anything further of General Loren we crossed the Guyan into Taswell County, Virginia, there hearing that Loren was in the vicinity of Charleston, we went to that place and were sent back down the river to picket and scout, which we did all fall.

(To be continued.)

HARRISON COUNTY, W. VA., COURT MINUTES

Abstracted by Hartzel Strader
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pg 221 20 March 1787

That Joshua Allen be exempted from the payment of all personal taxes and laboring on the highway.

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Jonathan Coburn vs. William Thornhill - verdict for the deft.

pg 227 21 March 1787

Elisabeth Tanner came into court and proved six days and Rachel McDead four days attendance as a witness for Coburn vs. Thornhill

pg 239 17 Apr 1787

That Jonathan Coburns ear mark which is two Swallow forks under bits brand IC and the same is ordered to be recorded.

That David Sleeths ear mark which is a cross off the right and a slit in the left ear and the same is ordered to be recorded.

pg 242 19 Apr 1787

That a writ in behalf of David Sleeth be issued for a jury to inquire into what damages result from said Sleeths building a mill or mills on his lands on Hackers Creek and the sheriff summons said jury to attend on said land on the second Monday in next month and ordered that the sheriff make return thereof to next court.

pg 243 19 Apr 1787

That Alexander Morrison be appointed surveyor of the highway in John Cains room and to take his tithables.

That James Tanner be surveyor of the highway from Elias Hughes down to the Wand Forde and that all the tithables from said Hughes to said forde aid and assist him in keeping said road in repair.

pg 245 21 May 1787

Jonathan Cobun, Hezekiah Davisson, Thomas Reed and Watson Clark produced commission of the peace for this county and was sworn into said office according to law and also took the necessary oath of Chancery.

pg 247 21 May 1787

Joel Lowther came into court and proved six days attendance as a witness in behalf of Jacob Reagan vs. Peter Kenshalo.

pg 249 23 May 1787

Present: John Powers, John Prunty, George Jackson, Hezekiah Davisson and Jonathan Cobun gent. justices.

pg 251 23 May 1787

Elizabeth West vs William and John Radcliff continued

pg 255 18 Jun 1787

Nicholas Carpenter, John McCally and John Powers came into court and proved their lists of taxable property as directed by law.

That Joseph Bennett be exempted from the payment of all personal taxes and laboring on the highway.

That John Radcliff be overseer of the highway from the Four Mile Tree to the Six Mile Tree on the road that leads from Clarksburg to Anglin Ford and that the tithables from Hezekiah Davisson's place on Elk Creek and including the waters of Elk do aid, assist and obey said surveyor in making the same a good bridle road and keep the same in good repair and that said surveyor with his tithables keep the road in repair from Thos. Nutter ford to Watson Clark.

pg 260 16 July 1787

That John Richards be appointed surveyor of the highway from below Jacob Richards to Richard Radcliff's little field agreeable to the revisions of John Richards, John Brown and Jacob Reagan, the petitioners for said road and assist him in keeping the same and make a good bridle road and keep the same in repair and be exempted from working on any other highway.

That William Radcliff Junr. be exempted from paying poll and personal taxes and working the highway.

pg 264 20 Aug 1787

On the motion of John Simms, ordered that his brand J.S. on the near buttock ear mark and slit through the middle of each ear and the same to be recorded.

On the motion of John Hacker ordered that his brand J.H. on the near shoulder, ear mark half crop of the upper side of each ear and the same to be recorded.

On the motion of Alexander West, ordered that his brand by AW on the near shoulder, ear mark a crop in the right ear and under bit and over bit in the same left ear a slit and an under bit and the same to be recorded.

pg 266 24 Aug 1787

John Sleeth vs. Henry Thompson - Decreed that Henry Thompson the defendant make to John Sleeth plaintiff, a legal conveyance in fee simple of that tract of land containing 400 acres laying on Natty Creek at the mouth of (? Bell Run) which said defendant obtained a patten from the Land Office of Virginia bearing date the twenty fourth day of June 1785 and from which decree the defendant

enters an appeal to the high court Chancery having performed the request of the same.

pg 271 23 Aug 1787

Elizabeth West vs. William and John Radcliff - Slander: A jury to wite: Henry Runyan, Henry Ross, Joseph Hastings, John Simms, Thomas Barkley, William haymond, Laurence McCann, Amazarah Davisson, John Sleeth, Joseph Gregory, Daniel McCann, David Ward. Verdict for the defendant and Judgment.

pg 272 23 Aug 1787

Prudence Davisson came into court and acknowledge a certificate giving full consent to transfer her right of dower to a tract of land sold by her husband Daniel Davisson to Jacob Browning in the state of New Jersey and same ordered to be recorded.

pg 273 23 Aug 1787

John Simms came into court and proved four days attendance as a witness in behalf of Elizabeth West vs. William and John Radcliff.

pg. 278 8 Sep 1787

Present Nicholas Carpenter, John powers, John McCalley and John Hacker, gentlemen justices.

Edmund West came into court and acknowledge a deed of conveyance for 100 acres of land to Watson Clark and the same is ordered to be recorded and a commission of privey examine the issue.

pg 279 15 Oct 1787

Present Nicholas Carpenter, John Powers, Watson Clark and Jonathan Coburn gent. justices.

Joseph Davisson came into court and Benjamin Copen and entered into bond to the said court in the sum of L40- as guardian for Andrew Cottrell oprhan of Andrew Cottrell deceased and the same is ordered to be recorded.

Mary West (she being first privately examined and consenting thereto) came into court and acknowledged a deed of conveyance from Edmund West her husband and herself to Watson Clark for 100 acres of land and the same is ordered to be recorded.

pg 281 19 Nov 1787

A grand jury of inquest for the body of the county to wit: Henry Ross, foreman, Edmund Freeman, John Alben, Ralph Morrison, (?Owen) Thomas Sen., Levi Shinn, Jesse Hughes, Michael Stump, John Simms, Lambert Flowers, John Wood, John Sleeth, William Tanner, John Owins, Benjamin Shinn, Samuel Beard. The jury having received their charge withdrew and after sometime made the following presentation:

We the grand jury present John McCally for not keeping the road in repair that leads down the river beginning at the river and downwards by the knowledge of two of our body.

Presents William Radcliff for not keeping the road in repair from the Island Forde to John hacker by knowledge of two of our own body.

pg 285 20 Nov 1787

JKohn Hall and David Sleeth appointed deputy sheriff and took the oath according to law.

pg 295 18 Dec 1787

That a deed of conveyance from John Cutrack and Elisabeth his wife for 196 acres of land to Job Welfon, she consenting thereto be recorded, also the commission of privy examination.

That a deed of conveyance from John Cutrack and Elisabeth his wife for 70 acres of land to Joseph Wood be recorded, she consenting thereto, also commission of privy examination.

pg 299 7 Jan 1788

Present George Jackson, Hezekiah Davisson, John Hacker and John Goodwin gent. justices

The last Will and Testament of Edmund West Senr. dec'd was presented in court by Edmund West junior the executor therein named and said Will was proved by the oath of Peter Kenshalo one of the witnesses thereto and on the motion of the said Executor who made oath according to law certificate is granted him for obtaining thereof in due form and said Will is ordered to be recorded.

Edmund West one of the executors named in the last Will and Testament of Edmund West Senr. dec'd took the oath as Executor of the said Will and entered into bond in the sum of L100 as the law directs together with Hezekiah Davisson and John Hacker his securities.

That John Hacker, John Sleeth Junr. and David Sleeth and John Leget or any three of them they being first sworn do appraise the personal estate of Edmund West dec'd and slaves if any there be and return the same to March court.

pg 303 18 Feb 1788

Henry Runyan and Mary his wife (she being first privately examined and consenting thereto) came into open court and acknowledge two deeds of conveyance (towit) one of 200 acres of land to Joseph Bennett and one of 182 acres to Moses Elsworth Senior and the same is ordered to be recorded.

THE CURTIS-WAUGH-MARSH MYSTERY

by Bill Marsh

The original of the following document was found in the 1850 marriage records of Harrison County, West Virginia. It substantiates that Sally (Curtis) Marsh married Alexander Sinclair Waugh.

Know all men by these presents that we, Alexander Sinclair Waugh and Levi McWhorter, are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the true payment whereof we bind ourselves, our heirs be jointly and severally firmly by these present. Sealed with our seals and dated this 26 day of March 1850.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Waugh and Sally Marsh, are about to be joined in wedlock.

Now if there vent lawfull cause to obstruct the said marriage then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue.

Alexander Waugh
Levi McWhorter

On pages 5 and 6 of his History of Vandalia Community written in 1928 Samuel Hardman said:

"The Marsh family came from Culpepper county, Virginia, and settled on Big Skin Creek in 1812. Spencer Marsh was the first of that name and he was 52 years old when he moved into the wilderness with his family. It is highly probable that he brought his few household goods in over pack horse trails for at that early date there were no wagon roads. Mutterings of the War of 1812 were then rampant and many persons thought it ought to be and could be averted. All New England was against it and only in the south was it at all popular.

Marsh had children grown up to manhood and womanhood when he came into the community but some were born afterward. Who his first wife was is not known nor is it known what year she died. His second wife was the widow of Alexander Sinclair Waugh already the mother of seven children and who also bore children by Marsh. She was the sister of John Curtis, an early settler on Curtis run and an aunt to George W. Curtis, one time member of our country court. He had, prior to his removal to this community, been employed for years as overseer on a large plantation in Culpepper (sic) county, Virginia. Hiram, one of his eldest sons who was perhaps already married when his father came to Big Skin Creek, was, in education, culture and refinement somewhat ahead of the average young men in this new pioneer settlement.

His cabin stood on the beautiful eminence south and west from the mouth of Raines run now occupied by the modern residence of Bonce Linger.

While living here one of his sons, a stout husky boy of 16, met a tragic death in an attempt to hoist upon his shoulders a log of wood, cut ready for the fire place and which

upon a wager he was to carry into the house. He had the log upon his shoulder but somehow slipped and fell, the log pinning him to the hard frozen ground. He was carried into the house where his injury was found to be serious and he died. He was buried on the brow of the hill east of the Main Skin Creek road and northwest some few hundred yards from the Round Knob school house which was then the burial ground for the neighborhood. Mrs. Hiram Marsh, the unfortunate young man's mother is also buried here. Out of perhaps a dozen others buried here in pioneer days these are the only two whose names are now known. Spencer Marsh the pioneer had four other sons, namely, John C., George T., Alexander, and Jonathan, two of whom George I., and John C. were life long residents in the community and closely identified with early developments. These names will be referred to later on."

On page 16, Hardman continues about the Curtis, Marsh and Waugh families:

"John Curtis located near the head of Curtis run sometime between 1815 and 1820. His land embraced all the boundary lying on the head of this stream. The tradition is that he first located on Stonecoal near the present village of Gaston but later moved to Curtis Run.

"His wife was a Miss Cutright, and a granddaughter thinks that she was a sister to Phillip M. Linger's wife and Isaac Casto's wife. He had several children, one of whom was the well known George W. Curtis, who at one times was a prominent member of our County Court. A family by the name of Allen lived just below the Curtis homestead, and Mary Allen, a member of this family became the wife of George W. Curtis.

"Alexander Sinclair Waugh was also an early resident of Curtis run. He married Sallie Curtis, sister to John Curtis and an aunt of George W. Curtis. Waugh was a brother of Jacob Waugh, grandfather of Hon. Roy Waugh, present Judge of the Upshur-Randolph Circuit Court. The following are the names of Alexander S. and Sallie (Curtis) Waugh's children: James, Marion, Margaret, Ann, Sam, Benton, Lorenzo Dow and Beverly.

"After the death of Alexander Sinclair Waugh, his widow married Spencer Marsh, himself a widower and to this union some children were born one of whom was Alexander.

"In 1840 Alexander Marsh married Anna Peterson, daughter of William B. and Mary (Lowther) Peterson. To this union three children were born, Marshal C., Emily Jane and Annis R."

While the basic history of the area is well covered in Hardman's history, many details are inaccurate. The inaccurate details pertaining to the Marsh family are difficult to understand especially since his father Salathiel B. Hardman, son of Margaret Bonnett, was raised by George I. Marsh and would have been close enough to have acquired accurate family information.

The early Marsh Family was as follows:

Spencer Marsh b: ca 1764 d: ca 1845 Lewis Cty, WV.

1. Married Nancy Denny 11 Nov 1797 Northumberland Cty Va. Widow with three children. Hiram Marsh was born in 1802. Shortly thereafter Nancy died. Hiram was left with his grandparents and Spencer left the area.

- a. Hiram Marsh b: 1802 married three times
 1. Frances (Jeffries) James widow m:
21 Jul 1831 Northumberland County
3 children. d: 1847-1848
 2. Sally Ann Johnston b: ca 1830
m: 6 Mar 1848 Lewis County 4 children
d: prior to 1858
 3. Temperance Johnston b: ca 1835
m: 12 Feb 1858 1 child d: unknown
2. Married Sally Curtis sometime between 1803-1806. Information indicates that Spencer worked as an overseer on a plantation in Culpeper County during this period. The following children were a result of this marriage.

- a. Jane Marsh b: 1807 Culpeper Cty m: Peter Sours
Nov 1823
- b. John Curtis Marsh b: 17 Dec 1809 Culpeper Cty m: Mary
Bonnett 17 Apr 1831 d: 23 Aug 1900
- c. George I. Marsh b: 9 Jun 1813 Lewis Cty m: Margaret
Bonnett 19 Dec 1834
- d. Jonathon H. Marsh b: 1814 Lewis m: Mary Shoulders
23 Dec 1837
- e. Alexander Marsh b: 1817 Lewis m: Anna Peterson
30 May 1840

Spencer first shows up in West Virginia in the 1810 Census with a family of four.

Spencer Marsh	26-45 (1764)
Sallie (Curtis)	16-26 (1788)
Jane	10< (1807)
John C.	10< (1809)

In 1820 Census the family had increased to seven.

Spencer Marsh	45+
Sallie (Curtis)	26-45
Jane	10-16
John C.	10-16
George I.	10<
Jonathon H.	10<
Alexander M.	10<

As indicated above, Hiram Marsh was left with grandparents after Nancy Denny's death ca 1802-1804. In 1831 Hiram married the widow Frances (Jeffries) James and on 20 Mar 1834 Joseph Marsh, a son, was born in Northumberland County. Sometime between 1834 and 1840, Hiram and his

family moved from Northumberland County to Lewis County. While I have no information to support it at this time, I believe Spencer, his father, arranged for him to obtain a farm on the Big Skin Creek. Spencer may have had a guilty conscience for having left Hiram and having done nothing for all those years decided to do something for him. Whatever the reason or cause, Hiram and his family arrived in Lewis County prior to 1840.

As indicated, Hardman states the following on page 6:

"Marsh had children grown up to manhood and womanhood when he came into the community but some were born afterwards. Who his first wife was is not known nor is it known what year she died. His second wife was the widow of Alexander Sinclair Waugh already the mother of seven children and who bore children by Marsh. She was a sister of John Curtis, an early settler on Curtis Run and an aunt to George W. Curtis ***** Hiram, one of his eldest sons who was perhaps already married when his father came to Big Skin Creek, was, in education culture and refinement somewhat ahead of the average young man in this new pioneer settlement."

As one can see from earlier data, Spencer Marsh came into the Skin Creek area in 1809-10 with a wife, Sally Curtis, and two small children. They were not grown to "manhood or womanhood". His first wife was Nancy Denny who died around 1802-03. His second wife was Sally Curtis and not the widow of Alexander Sinclair Waugh. In fact, just the opposite is true. Spencer Marsh, 75-80, died in the mid 1840's. He and his wife were living with Alexander M. Marsh and his wife Anna Peterson and were so listed in the 1840 Census. Alexander died 19 Sep 1846 of TB at the age of 33 leaving a wife and three children. One assumes that Sally Curtis Marsh continued to live with Anna Marsh until she married Alexander Sinclair Waugh on 26 March 1850. In 1856 Ann Marsh married William Boram.

Alexander Waugh's first wife was Sally Dislep whom he married 3 Feb 1817 in Harrison County. (Lewis County was formed from part of Harrison County in 1816). She died 4 Nov 1839. He married Elizabeth Bean 26 May 1840 who died sometime prior to 1850. Both of these marriages are in the Harrison County records; and, in the Spring of 1993 while looking for Marsh marriages in the Harrison County marriage records, I found the previously mentioned evidence of Sally (Curtis) Marsh's marriage to Alexander Sinclair Waugh on 26 March 1850.

The 1850 and 1860 Census lists the family as follows:

	1850	1860
447-447	Harrison	Lewis
Alexander H.(S.)Waugh	61	72
Sarah - Sally	62	77
James - Jane?	27	37
Dinah	22	---

Margaret	19	---
Frances	17	---
Samuel	14	---
Francis	11	21
Fanny-Lorenzo D.	9	19
Thomas	6	16
Margaret A.	---	30
Beverly	4	15
Creed- Crede Z.	4	15
Christian C.	---	3

The children listed above: James, Dinah, Margaret, Frances, Samuel and Francis were Sally Dislep's; Lorenzo D., and Beverly were Elizabeth Bean's. None of the children were Sally Marsh's.

The information on page 17 of the History of the Vandalia Community pertaining to Spencer Marsh's marriage to Alexander Waugh's widow in incorrect. Likewise the statement that the mother of Alexander Waugh's children was Sally (Curtis) Marsh is likewise in error.

The question now - Is Sally (Curtis) (Marsh) Waugh buried with Alexander Waugh or was she buried with Spencer Marsh. Alexander died 31 Mar 1867 and is buried at Rockford Methodist Church Cemetery, Harrison County. I don't know where Spencer Marsh is buried. Obviously it's in the Skin Creek area but where?

Since 1975 I had thought the stone identified as "SM" in the Raines Run Cemetery was his marker, but there are too many SM possibilities. His wife Sally Curtis Marsh could be SM, Spencer is an SM and Sally Ann (Johnson), Hiram Marsh's second wife who died about 1856-57, would be the most probable SM. Sam Hardman in his History says that Hiram's wife and a son are buried there. Hiram's first wife, Frances (Jeffries) (James) Marsh, who died in 1848 could also be buried there and that would account for the "FM" stone. The William Johnson family lived next door to Hiram Marsh. When Frances Marsh died he married their daughter Sally Ann and when she died he married her sister, Temperance Johnson, in 1858. Their mother was named Eve or Etha Johnson. Sam Hardman said this burial area was a neighborhood cemetery and it is reasonable to assume the "EJ" stone could be associated with her. William and Eva (Etha) Johnson were listed in the 1850 Census but not in the 1860 Census even though Johnson's still lived next door.

Hiram's son that was mentioned in the History as having died from an accident could have been either John or Holland Marsh. John, born 1848, was 12 in 1860 but not listed in 1870. His mother was Frances Marsh.

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WARRIOR OF '64 RECALLS WAR

David Morgan Recalls Days of Youth on Battlefield and Surrender of His Leader at Appomattox

By W.C.M.⁸⁹

Editor's Note: Originally published in the Clarksburg Telegram, 25 October 1929.

Quietly celebrating the eighty-second anniversary of his birth, David Ogden Morgan, a Confederate veteran, today grew reminiscent at his home, 810 Duncan avenue, this city.

Although only 14 years old when the Civil war began, he became intensely interested in the struggles between the states and yearned to go to the Southland and engage in the Confederate side of the war, he says. However, his tender years did not permit, but he bided time and welcomed the opportunity to go after he became 17 years old.

Spirited out of the state, he crossed the mountains with a party of other southern sympathizers and enlisted in the southern army at Sommerville Ford on the Rapidan river in Virginia March 17, 1864. Of fighting stock, he entered the ranks of fighters as a "raw recruit" but soon became a veteran warrior, as he was in many of the more important battles in the valley of Virginia before the war ended a year later.

ENGAGEMENTS

In the thickest of the fighting at the Battle of the Wilderness he received his baptism of fire. Among those engagements he was in were those at Carter's farm, Winchester, Fisher's hill, Cedar creek, Petersburg, Spottsylvania Court House and Appomattox.

"After Lee and Grant had wintered in the valley in 1864," Mr. Morgan said, "they were well rested and renewed activities afresh with great vigor at the wilderness and Spottsylvania Court House. There was some hot fighting in those sections and we were on the jump all the time. The fighting continued forty-one consecutive days," he says.

In all this service, fortune favored young Morgan as he was neither wounded nor captured, although he had some narrow escapes with bullets whizzing past his ears and his comrades falling all around him, and the Yankees in hot pursuit at times, he says.

⁸⁹Wilbur C. Morrison

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Mr. Morgan was one of those who surrendered with Lee to Grant at the battle of Appomattox, which marked the end of the war. He was too young to join the army before Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson was killed, and did not know him, but he recalls with pride his personal acquaintance with Gen. Robert E. Lee. After the surrender at Appomattox, he was paroled and sent home.

Col. James Armstrong, of Pruntytown, was in command of the company of which Morgan was a member. It was the Thirty-first Virginia regiment of the Army of Northern Virginia.

Mr. Morgan was born near Rivesville, Marion county, October 25, 1847, a son of John P. Morgan and Elizabeth Radcliff Morgan. He is a great-grandson of David Morgan, the Indian fighter, and grandson of Zacquill Morgan, the second. Zacquill Morgan, the first, who laid out Morgantown was a brother of Mr. Morgan's great grandfather, David Morgan.

GOES TO FARM

After the war, Mr. Morgan settled on the home farm of 450 acres, married Mrs. Belle Clelland, widow of James Clelland and daughter of Joseph Joliffe, March 31, 1880. They had a son and a daughter, William Morgan, of Big Buffalo, this county, and Mrs. Fannie Radcliff, widow of Charles Radcliff, of the same place.

About forty years ago Mr. Morgan came to this county and settled on Big Buffalo, where he owned and operated two farms until two years ago when he moved to his present residence. Mrs. Morgan died in 1924, and January 9, 1925 he married Mrs. Faye Stitzer, widow of Jacob W. Stitzer, who was also a Confederate veteran. She is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Fouse, well known residents of Clarksburg in their lifetime. Mr. Stitzer was her senior by thirty years and her present husband is forty-five years older than she is.

RELATIVES

The aged veteran is a second cousin of the late Dr. David Porter Morgan, of this city, and also of former Governor E. F. Morgan of West Virginia. Besides the son and daughter and Mrs. Morgan, two grandchildren are the only members of his immediate family, although he has numerous other relatives.

Possessing a perfect memory, Mr. Morgan is an interesting reviewer of experiences and situations in the war and other events in his long life, but he is so handicapped by deafness that it is almost impossible to carry on a conversation with him. He has been deaf many years, and it is said that this affliction was caused from the concussion of cannon in Civil war battles. He never forgets a face.

EYESIGHT GOOD

His eyesight is fine and he reads without glasses. He takes three daily papers and several weekly papers and other periodicals, keeping himself thoroughly informed on the happenings of the day. As may be surmised he is an unterrified Democrat.

Enjoying fine health, he is nevertheless scarcely able to walk, as his feet are affected. The family takes him on frequent automobile trips. He went to the Ohio River last Sunday to see the flotilla go down to Cincinnati in connection with the Hoover visit. He visited Webster Springs a few weeks ago, took in scenes at the Rich Mountain battlefield and drove to Charleston.

A member of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, South, Mr. Morgan was a regular attendant until his deafness became so acute that he could not hear the minister preach. He is a member of the mixed Bible class there, of which Columbus W. Reger, 323 Rosemont avenue, is teacher, and of which Austin J. Hartman, 323 Rosemont avenue, one of only two other Confederate veterans in Clarksburg, is a member. The other is Samuel Snider, 119 Charles street.

Stalnaker Genealogy

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FREDERICK MARION STALNAKER 1900-1949

In 1926 Frederick married Thelma Myrl Hitt Stalnaker, daughter of James S. and Elizabeth Hitt. They lived in Clarksburg, WV for fifteen years and then moved to Freemansburg, Lewis County. They were the parents of five children; Frederick Marion, Patricia Ann, James Marion, Esther Louise and John J.

The Curtis-Waugh-Marsh Mystery

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The other son that died early and the more likely candidate was Holland Marsh. He was born in 1852 and was 8 in 1860 and was not listed in the 1870 Census. His mother was Sally Ann Marsh.

In researching the Johnson connection to Hiram Marsh, I also noted that Judson Jeffries lived two farms away from Hiram. It seems more than a coincidence that Hiram's first wife Frances has the same family name of Jeffries. It will be interesting to see if Hudson Jeffries was listed in the 1830 Census of Northumberland County.

A STALNAKER GENEALOGY

CAPTAIN SAMUEL STALNAKER

Captain Samuel Stalnakar was an early pioneer who built a cabin in Southern West Virginia. in 1749. He was an Indian Scout and served in the French and Indian war. His family was originally from Germany, but it is not known when they came to the United States. He married Sarah Williams.

JACOB STALNAKER

Jacob was the only known son of Samuel. He married Elizabeth Truby, the daughter of Christopher Truby. They moved to the Tygart Valley in 1772. Jacob died in 1792 and his wife died in 1816. Their children were: Jacob, Sebastian, Valentine, Samuel, John Adam, Andrew, William, Nancy, Katherine, Levi and Mary.

SAMUEL STALNAKER II 1763-1835

Samuel married Susannah Radcliff, whose father William Radcliff claimed land on Hacker's Creek in 1774. Samuel served in the Revolutionary War at Westfield Fort and served as an Indian spy from 1780-1782. A pension was awarded him in 1833 and suspended at his death in 1835. His will is recorded in Will B page 7 in Lewis County, WV. He and his wife are buried at Broad Run Baptist Church Cemetery in Lewis County. Their children were; Deliah, Judith, Andrew, Charles, Susannah, Martha, and Samuel.

SAMUEL STALNAKER III 1800-1845

Samuel married Elizabeth McWhorter (1811-1886), daughter of Walter Fields McWhorter and Margaret Hurst McWhorter. They were married in 1827. Their children were; Andrew Madison, John, Charles, Julia, Ann, Levi, Samuel Marion, Walter, Sobisca, George Whitman, Margaret, Adam, and Elizabeth.

SAMUEL MARION STALNAKER 1836-1891

In 1860 Samuel married Sarah Ann Davisson, a daughter of William D. and Eliza Allman Davisson. Sarah Ann was 17 years old when they married and moved to Beech Lick in Doddridge County. There they cleared land and built a cabin. Their children were; Mary, Samuel William, Lloyd, Ida and Ort.

SAMUEL WILLIAM STALNAKER 1867-1939

In 1896 Samuel married Emma Gertrude Bolte Stalnakar, daughter of Frederick William Bolte and Rebecca Barnes Bolte. They lived on a farm they inherited from his father on Beech Lick in Doddridge County, West Virginia. Their children were Mitti Rebecca, Grace Lisette, Frederick Marion, and Samuel William.

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QUERIES

1. Need help re the family of my g.g.m, Phoebe Jane **REED** (1847-1916) who m William Cass **McQUAIN** at the Reed home nr Crawford, Lewis Co, WV, 28 Nov 1869 by Rev. Joseph Flint. Her father was John **REED**, farmer in various places in Harrison and Lewis Co. 1850 Lewis Co census, District 30, lists: John **REED**, ae 55, farmer, b VA; no wife; children - Isabell, ae 26; Margy, ae 24; Joseph, ae 23; Lucinda, ae 19; Lovey, ae 18; Mariah, ae 16; William, ae 15; Thomas, ae 14; Ellen, ae 12; Malinda, ae 10; Constance, ae 9; John, ae 6; Phebe, ae 3. In 1860 John **REED**, ae 65, lived in Harrison Co with Lucinda, Mariah, Constance, John, and Phebe. In 1870, he's back in Batelle Twp, Lewis Co; with him are Maria, Lucinda, Ellen and John. A John **REED** m Elizabeth **ROMINE** 13 Sep 1819, Harrison Co. 1850 Mortality table shows Elizabeth **REED** d in Oct 1849 in Lewis Co at ae 51. Is this Phoebe's mother? If so, is there any info available on the **ROMINE** family? There is a John **REED** (4Aug 1791-28 Aug 1875) bur Post Chapel Cem, Crawford. William and Phoebe (**REED**) **MCQUAIN** are also bur in this cem. The John **REED** 1791 birth date is off by four years with the ages given in the census information. Is this John **REED** her father? If not, what happened to him? William **BECKETT**, 554 Charleston Road, Willingboro, NJ 08046.

2. Robert **MC CAULEY** of Alleganey Co, MD, in Loudon Co, VA 1782 -1787 tax records. Went to Augusta Co, VA, where son, Robert Jr., m Jane **CARSON** 29 Mar 1794. Robert Sr. was the bondsman. Jane's first name is believed to have been Margaret; I find no other record for a marriage for him. Robert Jr. lived in part of Augusta that became Pendleton Co, (W)V, as children list both counties as birthplace. Children of Robert and Margaret **Mc CAULEY**: Garrett m Elizabeth "Betsey" **HERRON** May 1828; Andrew; Harvy; Garland; Sarah; Margaret; Mary Ann. Does anyone know anymore about this family? I will be glad to share what I have. Emolene **LYNCH**, Rt 2 - 761 Old Seven Road, Coolville, OH 45723.

3. Uriah **ASHCRAFT**, s/o John **ASHCRAFT**, m Sarah **MC INTIRE**, d/o Charles in Harrison Co. Their dau Nancy, b 28 Jan 1798, died shortly after she gave birth to a baby girl, Mariah Ann, in 1817. There is no record of Nancy's marriage and Mariah Ann was listed in Uriah's Bible as Maria Ann **ASHCRAFT**. 1840 Monongalia Co census lists James **LIAMON**, wife and one dau six years old. 1850 Barbour Co census lists James **LEYMAN**, Maria, and 3 children. The story is that Maria's father was an Indian. Uriah referes to Maria in his will as Maria **LAYMAN**, late Maria **ASHCRAFT**. Other places she is referred to as Maria **TUCKER**. Who raised Maria after her mother's death? Nancy had sisters that married **TUCKERS**. Could one of them have raised her and given her the name of **TUCKER**? Mariah was my g.g.g. gm. My gm, Hannah Maonnie

LAYMAN, told me that her grandmother (Mariah) was a **TUCKER** and that she had an Indian father. Can anyone help with this mystery? Emolene **LYNCH**, Rt 2 - 761 Old Seven Rd., Coolville, OH 45723.

3. My g gf John Webster **BUTCHER**, b in or nr Weston 29 Jun 1828, d nr Spencer, Roane Co, WV 9 Jul 1910, was s/o Joseph **BUTCHER**. HCPD library has a book The House of James Madison and Mary Estaline **LOONEY BUTCHER** which describes in detail the desc of this couple to present time. He was my gf and the 4th child of John Webster **BUTCHER**. Now seek other desc of John Webster **BUTCHER**. Any help appreciated. Francis **BUTCHER**, 104 Fisher Ave., PO Box 68, Sawyerville, IL 62085.

4. Irene H. **BOGGS**, PO Box 710, Richwood, WV 26261, submitted 5 pages of queries for publication. Here are part of them; the rest will be published in later issues.

Seek date of marr of Wesley Green **BARNETT** and Permelia Ellen **WILSON**, prob 1855-1865, maybe in Lewis or Braxton Co. See pars, date of b & d, and places of b & d of Judith **ADKINS** who m Joseph **BRAGG** 11 Dec 1803, Greenbrier Co, (W)V. Seek pars, spouse, vital statistics, of William **RICHMOND**, f/o Mary "Polly" **RICHMOND** who m Rueben **BRAGG**. Seek pars, dates & places of b & d of Elizabeth **MC CARTNEY**, w/o Joseph A. **BARNETT**, who lived in Lewis Co in 1850s.

See pars, date & place of b of Permelia Ellen **WILSON** who m Wesley Green **BARNETT**. May have been born in Lewis Co. According to the personal diary of Rev. George Fielding **BRAGG**, she d 29 Mar 1909, Braxton Co, WV.

Seek date & places of b & d of Lucy "Sarah" **MC CARTNEY** who m Zachariah **BARNETT** 27 Dec 1792, Bath Co, VA. Settled in Lewis Co. Were her pars Thomas and Sarah (**BENNETT**) **MC CARTNEY**?

Has anybody been able to link Col. Braxton **BRAGG** with any of the **BRAGG** lines in WV?

Seek pars, date & place of b, date of d, of Cain **HOOVER**. He is bur Bug Ridge Cem, nr Tesla, Braxton Co. He m Susan(nah) **KEISTER** 17 Jun 1830. They moved to Braxton Co and raised their family. Susan d 1894 at the home of son, Archibald Cain **HOOVER**. At that time, Cain was still alive. No recorded data on him after that time. Was his father Henry or George from Greenbrier Co? Was his mother Barbara, Elizabeth, or Mary? Are you a desc of Cain? If so, I would appreciate hearing from you concerning this man.

Seek dates & places of b & d of John M. **DUFFIELD**, s/o Robert and Jane "Jenny" (**MOORE**) **DUFFIELD** and husband of Lydia Ann **KNIGHT**. Prob were married ca 1830.

5. Need info on pars of James M. **JACKSON**, b 1807/VA; d 30 Dec 1830, Wood Co, (W)V; m 16 Dec 1890, Wood Co, Eliizabeth **CAPLINGER**, b 1814. Also

need Elizabeth's pars. Seek desc of James & Ann Marie P. (**JACKSON DAWKINS**). James **DAWKINS**, b 1830/Wood Co, s/o John and Hannah (**SAMS DAWKINS**), d 1884-1892, m 12 Feb 1852/Washington Co, OH, Marie P. **JACKSON**. Marie b 1834-35, d/o James M. and Elizabeth (**CAPLINGER JACKSON**), and d 23 Jan 1922, Wood Co, WV.

Seek pars of James **JONES**, b 1762 Charles Co, MD; d 10 Nov 1850, Ritchie Co, WV; m 18 May 1790 Alleghany Co, MD, Sarah **RAVENS CROFT/RAVENS CRAFT**, b 18 Mar 1776/VA. Search for desc of Granville B. **JONES**, b 1845, Ritchie Co, (W)V, s/o James R. & Nancy (**CAIN JONES**); m 24 Jun 1869, Ritchie Co, Elzara E. **LOWTHER**, b 1850, d/o John G.J. & Elizabeth **LOWTHER**.

Need pars of Mary **JONES** who m William **HALL**. William & Mary had son Richard (ca 1798/ Loudon Co, VA - 16 Jul 1855/Lewis Co). Also need pars of William **HALL**.

Do you have info on family of John and Mary (**JONES**) **NORRIS**? Had a son William, b 8 Aug 1792/Fauquier Co, VA, who m 5 Oct 1795/Harrison Co, now WV, Sarah **LOWTHER**. Nancy **JACKSON**, 507 Haymond HWY, Clarksburg, WV, 26301. PH (304) 623-4609.

6. Looking for desc of Cline **COLLINS**, b ca 1804-05 in VA, d between 1870 and 1880 in Richland Co, WI; m Nancy **STOUT** 30 Jan 1826 in Lewis Co, (W)V. Nancy, d/o Daniel **STOUT** and Jemima **STOUT**. Cline **COLLINS** children: Jemima; a son, possibly Daniel S.; a dau; Hezekiah; William; Elizabeth; Sarah; Jack/Lemuel/Samuel; and Jonathan.

Seek info on how my Daniel **STOUT** fits into the rest of the Harrison, Lewis, and Gilmer County **STOUTs**. Daniel **STOUT**, b 1790-1800, d Sep/Oct 1838 in Lewis Co. Married Jemima **STOUT**, d/o Caleb **STOUT** & Elizabeth **LABAW**. Marriage record states Daniel's mother was "Sary." Lack of father's name indicates, I suppose, that he was deceased by this time. Children: Hezekiah, Samuel Elis, Betsy, Rovina/Rowene, Sarah, Nancy, Eleanor, & Sophia. Daniel's will names his brother, Thomas **STOUT**, as executor. Lois P. **WILSON**, 158 S. 200 West, Hyrum, UT 84319.

7. In the 1850 Harrison Co census James & Sarah **MURPHY** were listed with 6 children. James, b ca 1808, Sarah b ca 1814. Where? and pars? Their son, Aljern, my gg gf, b 10 Feb 1840/Rockingham Co, VA; m 23 Mar 1871/Lewis Co Nancy P. **LEWIS**, b 1841 WHERE?, d/o Jonathan & Elizabeth (**ROMINE**) **LEWIS**. Where & when was Jonathan born & pars?

Elias (Lias) **SMITH**, b 13 Jan 1821. Where and pars? Married Emily **FISHER**, b 23 Nov 1820. Where born, pars? Also where married? Their son Julia **SMITH** m 24 Apr 1873 Harriet Eliza **MC CRAY**, d/o Andrew and Talitha (**ALKIRE**) **MC CRAY**. Andrew b 8 Nov 1812, poss in NC. His pars?? Talitha, b

20 Feb 1816, where? and pars? Shirley **DUCKWORTH**, PO Box 1054, Craigsville, WV 26205-1054.

8. I recently received "Certificates of Marriage" from the Lewis County Clerk for: William **HARRISON** and Ellen **BRAGG** 8 Feb 1864 (Bk 5, p 24); John William **BAILEY** - Mary Elizabeth **BRAGG**, 18 May 1879 (Bk 5, p 84); and John R. **BEALL** - Mary E. **SHRIEVE** 12 Jul 1860 (Bk 5, p 16). Unfortunately, they did not include the names of pars on the certificates. Does anybody have this info? Any help appreciated. Carren **BRAGG**, 2620 N. Pocomoke St., Arlington, VA 22207.

9. Seek desc (or anyone with info) about Phillip **MC INTURF** and Joseph H. **ROBINSON**. Both were Baptist preachers in the Harrison Co, WV, area prior to 1900.

I am seeking historical details of the school house, now a dwelling, at Romine Mills, near the Monroe Chapel Methodist Church, in Harrison Co. Also would like to know about any schools (prior to 1850) located on Stouts or Bird's Run in Harrison County. Are there any "old" church baptism spots in the vicinity of the intersection of Routes 57 and 20 in Harrison County? K. C. **PRIEST**, 921 Upton Dr, South Charleston, WV 25309.

10. Ira C. **HALL** (21 May 1821/Fairmont, Marion Co - 28 Nov 1912/Ritchie Co, WV), s/o Thomas and ?? **HALL**, 1/m Kathryn **BARKER** (died young), d/o Benjamin **BARKER**. Their dau, Jennie Lorraine **HALL**, b 15 Aug 1855/Marion Co, now WV, d 1 Oct 1939 and bur Clark Cem, Ray Co, MO. She m 29 Sep 1875 William Jesse **LINCH** (23 Sep 1854/Ritchie Co - 17 Aug 1933/Ray Co, MO). William Jesse **LINCH** was s/o Philip and Margaret (**WELLS**) **LINCH**. Philip, b 25 Jul 1815, d 30 May 1880; Margaret, b 3 Apr 1822, d 13 Mar 1900. Philip and Margaret m 3 Oct 1844. Seek any info on Kathryn **BARKER** and her father Benjamin **BARKER**. Brian **KANOY**, 5000 Osage, Kansas City, MO 64133. PH (816) 737-5258.

11. Massie **HUGHES** m John **GIFFORD**, Jr., 1810, Harrison Co, (W)V. Which Thomas **HUGHES** was her father? Who was her mother? When and where was she born? John **GIFFORD** Jr's parents were John **GIFFORD**, Sr., and Mary **JACOBS**. When and where was John **GIFFORD**, Sr., b? Pars? Where were John and Mary married? When & where was Mary **JACOBS** born? I will answer all correspondence. Mrs. Jean E. **WOMELSDUFF**, 13505 SE River RD - 315, Portland, OR 97222-8097.

12. Matthew **EDMISTON**, b 9 Sep 1814, Little Levels, Pocahontas Co., (W)V. Pars were Andrew **EDMISTON** and his wife Mary "Polly" **GILLILAN** or **GILLILAN**. Matthew m Minerva A. **BLAND** 13 Feb 1840/Weston, Lewis Co.

The 1870 census for family includes following: Matthew, ae 55; Minerva A., ae 48; Harriet S., ae 28; Thomas B., ae 25; Theoderick G., ae 23; Andrew, ae 20; Fanny, ae 15; Matthew, ae 13; George, ae 10; and Ella R., ae 7. Harriet m. Charles E. **ANDERSON** 10 Apr 1877/Lewis Co; Thomas B. m Mary **ARNOLD** 11 Apr 1871/Lewis Co; Fanny m George M. **FLEMING** 10 Dec 1879/Lewis Co. Would like to correspond w/anyone searching or who may be descendant. *WILL THE PERSON WHO CONTACTED AFTER THIS QUERY APPEARED IN VOL. XII, ISS 2-3, PLEASE CONTACT ME AGAIN? I EITHER FAILED TO GET YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS OR LOST IT?* Delbert B. **SCHUSTER**, 758 North Adams St., Lancaster, WI 53813-1107 PH: (608) 723-2569.

13. Looking for pars of Susan Mariah **McCAUSLAND**, b 11 Nov 1836 where? Came to America as a young girl; m Stephen B. (Pete) **POE**. Mariah d 14 May 1932. She is bur at Primitive Baptist Church Cem, Montrose, WV. Had the following children: Sarah Emma (1858-1926) m Daniel H. **BARTLETT**; William Mac (1860-?) m Martha _____; Robert Floyd (1862-1955) m Olive Belle **MOORE**; Virginia; Missouri Ellen (1872-1946) m Eugene **CAMPBELL**. Need any info on Richard **PENNINGTON** (served in War of 1812) and wife Eleanor _____. Dau Priscilla Aurelia **PENNINGTON** m Thomas **DAVIS**, Jr., s/o Thomas & Nancy (**BAKER**) **DAVIS**. Need dates of all above and Eleanor's maiden name. Donaly S. **DOWMAN**, 24807 Electric Drive, Bay Village, OH 44140-2718.

14. Seek info on Samuel **TANNER**'s pars, Edward and Rachel **TANNER**. Samuel **TANNER**, b August Co, VA, 15 May 1759; m 28 Nov 1791/Harrison Co, (W)V, Sudna **CARPENTER**. Edward **TANNER**, b 1720-30, res in Harrison Co (now Jesse's Run of Hacker's Crk, Lewis Co) and d bef 24 Mar 1797. I do not have any info on Rachel other than that she is listed as Nancy (**TANNER**) **HYDE**'s mother. Other children of Edward **TANNER** are Grace **HUGHES**, Elizabeth **CAIN**, James, Edward, Nancy **HYDE**, William, and Rachel **McDADE**.

I am also seeking info on Sarah **GREATHOUSE**'s pars. Sarah, b 6 Aug 1822, Jackson Co, (W)V; m Jesse **TANNER**, Jr., grandson of Samuel **TANNER**, in Jackson Co 4 Nov 1845. She d 13 Jan 1895 in Roane Co, WV. Michele **HUTHER**, PO Box 415, Bridgewater, NY 13313.

15. Robert **ORTON** was deceased by 8 Sep 1794, deed written and recorded, Deed Book 3, pp. 133-135, Hardy Co, (W)V. What was the maiden name of his wife Mary? Perhaps Ann was her middle name? Their children: Edward m Anne **NEALE** (my ggg grandparents); Elizabeth m Isaac **MINOR**; Mary m George **TEVAULT** (perhaps Daniel was his first name?); Richard m Sally **JOHNSTON**; Ann m ??; and William m ?? Mrs. R. K. **DOWNEY**, 916 No. 20th St., Quincy, IL 62301.

16. See pars & siblings of Sarah, widow of J. HUET/HUGHES/HURT. She m Mordock Otis **McKENZIE** 17 Jul 1786 in Giles Co, VA. Her marriage bonds were signed by _____ **NAPIER** and _____ **HUGHES**. Could one of these men be a relative of hers or her deceased husband's? Seek desc of Polly **McKENZIE**, d/o Sarah **HUET McKENZIE**. Polly, b July 1787 m 1810 to Jacob **WALL** in Giles Co, VA. Was she also dau of Mordock **McKENZIE**? Some records name her **HUET**. Elizabeth **ROBINSON**, 1 Emerald Run, Ocala, FL 34472.

17. Seek info on the following families: **MACE**, **KNIGHT**, **SPIRE**, **SHORT**, and **NAILOR**. Will exchange information. Macel **MACE RUTH**, 8756 Barcelona Plz, Westminster, CA 92683.\

18. Seems that more than one person had lots of questions. Here's one with six pages of queries. Here's part of them. All locations are Lewis Co unless otherwise indicated.

Seek info on S. F. **WHITE** who m Jesse **WOOFER** in Alum Bridge 28 Jun 1906. Jesse was b 13 May 1883/Alum Bridge. O.F. **WHITE** who m Lulu **WOOFER** in Alum Bridge. They had one child, Dollie Mable **WHITE**. Lulu b 29 Dec 1892/Alum Bridge.

Need info on Alice Taylor **MONEYPENNY** who m John **WOOFER** in Alum Bridge area. John, b 15 Feb 1880, Alum Bridge.

Seek info on Emanuel **STOCKERT** who m Esta A. **WOOFER** in Alum Bridge. Esta b 23 Jan 1886/Alum Bridge. They had one dau Marguerite m. **STOCKERT** who was b in 1906 and m Robert Bethel **LOUDIN**. Allan **STOCKERT** who m Iva **WOOFER** in Alum Bridge area? Who were his pars and any dates, locations, and children?

Seek info on Chester **WILLIAMS**, b 5 Apr 1848, m Sarah E. **WOOFER** 1869 in Lewis Co. His pars?? Sarah and Chester had eight children: Amos, Irma, Clinton, grace, Eleanor, Raymond, Brice, and Julia.

Millard G. **FIDLER** m Madge H. **WOOFER** in Alum Bridge 21 May 1921. Madge, b 10 Jul 1897/Alum Bridge. Who were his pars? When and where b? Three children: Mary Jane, Joseph N., and Robert G. Any info appreciated.

Seek info on Thomas Evan **KAYSER** who m India **WOOFER** in Weston 18 Apr 1942. Who were his pars, bdate, where?, names of four children? Jim **WOOFER**, 1467 15th ST NW, Canton, OH 44703-1008

*Editor's Note: I live in the **STOCKERT** homeplace. Some of the **LOUDIN** desc are my neighbors. Emmanuel was s/o Julius F. and Virginia (**DAVIS**) **STOCKERT**. You'll find info about them in each of the Lewis County Obituaries books by Ann and Jay Newman; Lewis County Cemetery books; Lewis County Death Records. They're an easy family to trace. Someday remind me to tell you about our "haunted" house.*

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